



Student Dress Code Policy



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Creswick Primary School on 03 5345 2044.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Creswick Primary School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Creswick Primary School's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- promote a sense of collective identity and pride
- allow all students to feel equal
- prevent bullying and competition on the basis of clothing
- ensure students' appearance reflects the expectations of their school community
- strengthen the spirit of community within the school
- ensure all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Students can wear any uniform item regardless of a student's gender identity.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only permitted jewellery

Health and safety

- Students with shoulder length or longer hair are encouraged to tie back their hair to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.
- Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back in a pony tail for student safety in technology subjects.
- Jewellery, nails, hair accessories, hat cords and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.
- School uniform sun-safe hats must be worn outside from mid-August to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent/carer or student choice.
- Hats are not to be worn inside.
- School Beanies are able to be worn outside in the colder months.
- Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Beleza Uniform Shop – 22 Doveton Street, Ballarat, <https://beleza.com.au/>. Permitted non-branded uniform items can also be purchased from department stores. Creswick Primary School does have limited stock onsite. We also have second-hand uniform available from the school office.

The School Council has consulted with the school community and worked to ensure the student uniform is affordable, including by changing the colour of the 'bottoms' to black to ensure they are easily accessible and affordable. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform program through [State Schools' Relief](#).

Please contact the Principal or Leading Teacher to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Creswick Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code and uniform item list is communicated to all families and students through our website and Compass communication platform. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is out of school uniform on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents/carers by the classroom teacher. If student dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the principal will be informed and the school will work with the family to try to support the student and family to adhere with the policy.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We acknowledge that the enforcement of this Student Dress Code may impact students differently.

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person to the principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of the code:
 - prevents students from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students because of the [personal characteristics referred to in human rights and anti-discrimination requirements](#)
 - offends a religious belief held by the student or parents/carers
 - prevents students from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural background

- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or the parents/carers can demonstrate financial hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carer
- guarantee that issues of a personal nature revealed to substantiate the request will be strictly confidential
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties, including providing advice about support with meeting uniform costs. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents/carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Creswick Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Complaint Policy*, available on the schools website.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- available publicly on our school's website
- other online parent/carer communication method - Compass
- reminders in our school newsletter
- discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- included in transition and enrolment packs
- discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- hard copy available from school administration upon request.

Views on our student dress code have been invited from the whole school community including:

- parent/carers
- teachers and other school staff
- students

The school community consultation invited feedback about uniform cost and affordability. This feedback has been recorded, carefully considered and incorporated into the student dress code policy where appropriate.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Creswick Primary School Sun Protection Policy
- Creswick Primary School Complaint Policy
- Creswick Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Creswick Primary School Inclusion and Diversity Policy
- Department of Education [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education [Student Engagement](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

For future reviews of this Student Dress Code, we will consult with our school community through the following mechanisms:

- surveys
- information in newsletters
- public meetings
- student meetings

The community will be given advance notice of the consultation process and timelines. The consultation will be open for at least 2 weeks.

Consultation for the current Dress Code was done in Term 4, 2024 and Term 1, 2025.

Policy last reviewed	Reviewed in December 2025 by School Council, for approval in February 2026.
Approved by	School Council – 18 th February 2026
Next scheduled review date	February - 2030

APPENDIX 1:

CRESWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM FROM 2026

Uniform Items:

Tops

- Short Sleeve Logo Polo – Green
- Long Sleeve Logo Polo – Green
- Sublimated Short Sleeve Sports Polo – Optional
- Windcheater Jumper Logo – Green
- Polar Fleece Jacket Logo – Green
- Spray Jacket Logo – Green and Black

Bottoms

- Rugby Shorts – Black
- Gaberdine Skort – Black
- Culottes – Black
- Track Pants with Cuffs – Black
- Straight Leg Track Pants – Black
- Poly Nylon Boot Leg Pants – Black

Dresses

- Tunic – Green and Black
- Dress – Green, Black and Gold

Socks and Tights

- Plain black or white socks.
- Plain black tights or leggings (to be worn under dresses only).

**Please note, leggings and bike shorts are not part of our uniform to be worn on their own. They can be worn under dresses.*

Shoes

- Runners (any colour)
- Black school shoes
- Rubber/Leather Boots (outside only in wet weather, shoes need to be worn inside)

Hands On Learning Program

- Work boots are permitted on Hands On Learning Days only and in the technology space. Other shoes are required for outside play.*

**Due to Health and Safety requirements, steel-capped boots cannot be worn outside at playtime.*

Jewellery

- Studs/Sleeper Earrings
- Watches

Winter Jackets

- Winter coats of any colour can be worn outside during winter weather.
Please note, these are not to be worn in classrooms instead of a jumper.

Hats

- Broad brimmed hats – green
- School Beanies

**Other beanies may be worn in winter. No hats to be worn inside.*