



Kingston Heath Primary School Student Dress Code



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the school office on 9584 5805.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Kingston Heath 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 Kingston Heath 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:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Kingston Heath Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

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

The full list of Kingston Heath's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

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

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from 1st September to 30th April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

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 Primary School Wear. Identical items in the Royal Blue that are available from other outlets are acceptable.

Kingston Heath Primary School operates a second-hand uniform store for parents at the office.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

Kingston Heath Primary School also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

IMPLEMENTATION

Kingston Heath Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Kingston Heath Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

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 this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic 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/carers
- 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. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Kingston Heath 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 *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on our website.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- 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

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Kingston Heath Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Kingston Heath Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Kingston Heath Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)

- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	November 2022
Consultation	School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	November 2026

APPENDIX A: KINGSTON HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

Jumper, Jacket or Vest

Royal blue crew neck windcheater with school logo
 Royal blue bomber jacket with school logo
 Royal blue polar fleece vest
 Royal blue polar fleece jacket
 Grade Six windcheater (special orders made each year)

Polo shirts

Royal blue short sleeve polo shirt with school logo
 Royal blue long sleeve polo shirt with school logo

Skirts/skorts or Culottes

Royal blue skirt/skort or culotte

Socks or tights/stockings

White or blue socks
 Navy blue tights/stockings

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Summer sandals with covered toes, black or brown school shoes or pull on school boots or runners are permitted. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

School Rain Coat (Optional Item)

Blue raincoat

Headwear

Hair accessories (headbands, ribbons, scrunchies, etc) must be red, white, blue or black.
 Headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs.
 Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

Dresses

Summer blue and white checked dress to be worn with white socks (no leggings or stockings/tights)
 Winter tunic to be worn with white long sleeve shirt or white or red skivvy/long sleeve t-shirt, and plain red, white or navy blue stockings/tights or socks

Shorts

Royal blue gabardine shorts with zip pocket
Royal blue rugby shorts

Pants

Royal blue long gabardine pants
Royal blue track pants
Royal blue bootleg pants

Hats – to be worn outside from 1st September to 30th April

Royal blue slouch hat with white logo.

School bag

Kingston Heath Primary School Royal Blue Bag

Sports uniform

The sports uniform is available to students in Years 3 to 6 and can be worn only on days when the student has PE, and days where students are representing the school at sporting events.

- KHPS Sports T-shirt
- Royal Blue shorts
- Royal Blue Airflow material shorts