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STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Newport Gardens 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 Newport Gardens Primary School's School Council in 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 Newport Gardens 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 Newport Gardens Primary School 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, Newport Gardens 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

- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are hidden.
- It is preferred that undergarments are in school colours – navy blue or white.
- Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

Health and Safety

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

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

Students who wear braids or locs may wear them loose, except for applied technology classes where hair should be tied back for safety purposes.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) 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 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.

Other:

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

- Sports T-shirts representative of our House Groups will be available for purchase at the administration desk. These are to only be worn on House-colours Day and Athletics Day as well as other whole-school sport events. These are not compulsory.

- The school shall offer graduation tops that may be purchased for students in grade 6. The design of these tops will be influenced by student discussion with the final design being approved by the principal or their representative. These tops will be ordered in the year prior to the student entering Year 6.

- Parents may purchase items of uniform that do not have the school logo from other sources, so long as there is a direct match in colour and style. All other items must be purchased through the school's supplier.

- The school bag with logo is highly recommended as it is specifically designed for comfort, back safety, and durability. Parents choosing not to purchase the school bag may purchase a plain navy-blue bag instead.

- During casual clothes days, students must still cover their shoulders and mid-riff, wear closed toe footwear, be SunSmart in terms 1 and 4 and not have any offensive material on their clothing

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from PSW Uniforms, information within Appendix A, or parents may order it directly:

www.psw.com.au

The Families of Newport Gardens Primary School (FoNGs) also facilitates a second-hand uniform opportunity for the community on a termly basis.

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. 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 (ASU) program.

Please contact the principal or our Wellbeing Team to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Positive reinforcement and encouraging responsible behaviour, school connection and belonging are the preferred approaches to ensuring students comply with our uniform expectations.

Newport Gardens 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. We will ensure consultation, including that of Junior School Councillors and Student Leaders are included in decision making and are encouraged to share ideas and suggestions.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items will have a member of staff contact the family to discuss the non-compliance. This will also be discussed with the students if they are in our senior years. Newport Gardens 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.

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 Newport Gardens 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 acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could 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 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

Newport Gardens 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 Policies – Newport Gardens Primary School (newportgardensps.vic.edu.au)

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website: Newport Gardens Primary School – Nurturing our future (newportgardensps.vic.edu.au)
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Included in orientation and transition information sessions
- 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

- Newport Gardens Primary School SunSmart Policy
- Newport Gardens Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Newport Gardens 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: February 2017 – May 2023

Consultation:

Next schedule review date: (3 – 4 years) May 2025

APPENDIX A: EXAMPLE SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

Newport Gardens Primary School
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Uniform Price List
Price as at: 03-06-2024

General		Colour	Logo	Size	Price($)
1100116	S/S Polo Shirt - 2 Different Colour Stripes	Aqua_Orange_White	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	33.50 36.50
1100166	L/S Polo Shirt - 2 Different Colour Stripes	Aqua_Orange_White	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	35.50 38.50
1100250	Zip Jacket	Ink	Embroidery	4-18/M	52.95
1100255	V Neck Nylon Windcheater	Ink	Embroidery	4-18/M	42.95
1160215	Polar Fleece Vest	Navy	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	44.95 46.95
1160299	Polar Fleece Jacket	Navy	Embroidery	4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	48.95 52.95
1160330	Rugby Shorts - Drawstring	Navy		4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	24.50 27.50
1110415	Trackpants - Double Knee - Straight Leg	Ink		4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	33.95 37.95
1110423	Trackpants - Double Knee - Rib Cuff	Ink		4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	32.95 36.95
1110345	Cargo Shorts	Ink		4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	30.95 33.95
1110445	Cargo Pants	Ink		4-14/XS 16/S-18/M	39.95 42.95
Female		**Colour**	**Logo**	**Size**	**Price($)**
1100375	Skort	Ink		4G-18G/12L	26.50
1100575	Summer Dress w Piping	Aqua/White Check - 7036		4G-18G/12L	58.95
1104001	Box Pleat Skirt	Navy		12G/6L-18G/12L	59.95
1104002	Box Pleat Tunic	Navy		4G-12G/6L	59.95
1110465	Classic Pant	Ink		4G-12G 14G-12L	35.95 37.95
Accessories		**Colour**	**Logo**	**Size**	**Price($)**
1160380	Artsmock with Print	Ink		S-XL	23.50
1100514	Safety Slouch Hat	Navy	Embroidery	S-XL	20.95
1106275	Circular Custom Jacquard Beanie with Po	Ink_Orange_Aqua_White	Sewn Badge	ALL-ALL	18.00
1160200	Raincoat	Navy		4--6-12--14 S--M-S--M	48.00 51.00
8362220	Trek Junior Backpack 20L	Ink	Embroidery	ALL-ALL	54.95
8360396	Scholar Bookbag	Ink	Embroidery	ALL-ALL	17.50
Socks		**Colour**	**Logo**	**Size**	**Price($)**
1110760	Cushion Foot Sport Socks - 3 Pack	White		9--12-8--11	19.95
2511000	Turnover Anklet Socks - 3 Pack	White		9--12-8--11	19.95
2511000	Turnover Anklet Socks - 3 Pack	Navy		9--12-8--11	19.95
2511050	Crew Sock - 3 pack	Navy		9--12-8--11	19.95
2511050	Crew Sock - 3 pack	White		9--12-2--8	19.95
2512000	Turnover Knee High Socks - 3 Pack	White		9--12-8--11	21.95
2513000	Girls Tights	Navy		4--6-11--14 MID-MID	15.95 19.95

Your School Uniform is available at PSW Port Melbourne
1/128 Bertie Street
Port Melbourne VIC 3207
03 9768 0385
Shop online at www.psw.com.au
ABN 52 007 423 627

Trading Hours
Tue to Fri: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Sat: 10:00am - 1:00pm
*Store hours subject to change

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