



SCHOOL UNIFORM DRESS CODE POLICY

PURPOSE

Our school community uniform seeks to enhance the profile and identity of our school and our students. The philosophy underpinning our uniform policy represents our diverse, contemporary inner-city spirit, along with our commitment to inclusivity and equity of opportunity. Further the uniform becomes a vibrant visible symbol of our goal to become a proud and distinctive school presence in this community.

SCOPE

All students must wear the standard set uniform, purchased from the nominated uniform supplier or the approved virtual second-hand uniform shop. Sporting garments from other stores are not permitted to be worn. When families and students enrol at Prahran High School, they are expected to comply with this policy.

POLICY

The standard school uniform is to be worn each day of school as described in this policy.

1. Students are to wear their correct school uniform each school day. If a student is out of uniform for any reason, a note must be provided from home.
2. Students are required to be in their standard school uniform on each day of school that they do not have Healthy Body, Healthy Mind (sport) classes (Typically this will be 3-4 days per week in Years 7 – 10)
3. When students have Healthy Body, Healthy Mind classes/sports excursions, they should wear their full school sport uniform all day
4. Students may choose the items of the standard uniform that they prefer, at any time of the year. For example, Jane might wear the shorts, shirt, tie, jumper and jacket all year. She does not like long trousers or skirts, and she prefers the jacket over the blazer.
5. Students must not mix garments from the standard and sports uniforms. These are different uniform requirements to be worn on different days. (Typically, that will be 3 x standard uniform, 2 x sports uniform)
6. Students are permitted to wear the Hijab or head scarf in the school colours of black, teal or white
7. Students are to wear their school uniform when travelling to and from venues of official sporting fixtures and other events where students are representing the school
8. Students are to wear their standard school uniform when attending official school functions, including excursions and incursions.
9. Non-uniform garment additions, like coloured hoodies, are not permitted.
10. We know that the school uniform is an expense that some families find difficult to provide. There is assistance available in some circumstances. Families are most welcome to contact the Heads of School, Assistant Principals or Business Manager to discuss assistance options.

Student Responsibilities

Students are expected to wear their full school uniform each day at school. As young adults, this is a responsibility we expect will be understood and a school expectation that will be followed. Students have the opportunity to participate in a positive, strengths-based approach to uniform compliance. There will also be school-based consequences for students who don't adhere to the policy. Students who are continually out of uniform or in inappropriate attire, may be sent home to change. Parents will be notified when this occurs.

Parent/Carer Responsibilities

Parents and carers should be familiar with this policy and should support the school by ensuring their child/ren adheres to the requirements. Parents and carers should ensure their child/ren has all correct school uniform items required, from the first day of their child/ren starting school. In the event of a child being out of uniform on a particular day, parents/carers must provide an explanatory note to the school.

School Staff Responsibilities

All PHS staff are expected to actively support the School Council's policy on the wearing of the uniform and comply with the implementation of the policy. All staff are required to note any issues of uniform compliance on Compass. Reminding students of the school uniform expectations is the responsibility of all staff - Mentor Teachers, Heads of School, Year Level Coordinators and the principal team have extra responsibility.

PRAHRAN HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM – SPECIFIC GARMENT DETAILS

The following are the approved uniform items for all Prahran High School students

Item description	Details
Summer Dress	Poly/cotton check with logo
Summer Shirt	Striped short sleeve shirt with logo
Shorts	Dark grey short with logo
Winter Skirt	Mid-grey poly viscose skirt
Winter Shirt	Striped long sleeve shirt
Trousers	Mid-grey trousers with logo
Jumper	Teal pullover with grey trim and logo <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May be worn with all standard uniform combinations.
School Tie	Logo design tie <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worn with long-sleeved shirt and all official school events• Optional with short-sleeved shirt/shorts
Blazer (Optional)	Charcoal twill blazer with piping and logo <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May be worn over all standard uniform combinations• Will be worn at official school events/functions
Sports Jacket	Black soft-shell jacket with logo <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May be worn over standard and sports uniform
Sports Rugby Top	Black and teal rugby jumper <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worn as part of the sports uniform only
Sports Polo	Teal short sleeved polo
Sports Shorts	Black microfibre shorts with logo

Sports Cap	Black baseball cap with logo
Undergarment	Students may wear a black, dark grey or white long-sleeve t-shirt top as an undergarment
Socks	Standard uniform – grey socks Sports uniform – white socks
Tights	Black tights
Beanie	Black beanie with logo
School Bag	Official school backpack with logo
Scarf ((tbc)	This will be co-designed with students and the community
Shoes	Black lace-up shoes for school are required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most students will still purchase through Dobson’s but there is choice • Students can choose black shoes that suit them best <u>but</u> no colours, no visible branding, no t-bars Gym shoes/runners of student’s choice may be worn on sports days or with the standard uniform if they meet the criteria above.

Other General Appearance Guidelines Which Apply to All Students

- Students are expected to be clean, neat, and tidy in appearance at all times
- Jewelry, hair accessories, nail polish and make-up should not interfere with students’ ability to engage with all school activities safely and fully
- Long hair must be always tied back to ensure safety
- Length of all school shorts, dress, and skirt to be appropriate length for a school setting
- No visible tattoos

EXEMPTIONS FROM DRESS CODE

Legal requirements necessitate that exemptions from the Prahran High School Uniform Code can be provided where an aspect of the code:

- Offends religious beliefs
- Prevents compliance with an ethnic or cultural belief
- Prevents students with disabilities from being able to participate in school
- Affects a health condition

Any student wishing to seek exemption from/modification of the uniform is required to make written application to the Principal, who will take to the School Council, outlining the grounds of their request and any approved modifications must be purchased from the school uniform supplier.

Applications must be made to the Principal and must be accompanied with the necessary verification documentation i.e., medical certificate, letter from religious leader, etc.

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REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was reviewed and approved by the School Council in December 2022. It will be reviewed again before October 2025.