



### **Purpose**

To have a uniform policy that promotes a sense of individual and collective pride and allows students to identify with their school. This in turn creates a positive image of the student and the school within the community.

### **Aims**

- To provide practical clothing for school activities that is economical, long wearing and serviceable.
- To eliminate negative peer pressure caused by competition with dress.
- To provide dress requirements that reflect community values and standards within the Department of Education and Training Guidelines and our Sun Smart Policy.
- To 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**

- The uniform colours are jade and navy. Refer to School website for images and to Appendix A for full list of uniform items
- All items of uniform must be labelled by parents/ carers.
- There will be a range of uniform options available for purchase from school that cater for the appropriate health and safety considerations for all children.
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.
- Students will not be permitted to represent the school on day excursions, or participate in inter-school sports, unless wearing school uniform.
- The school will supply uniform school colours for students representing the school at inter-school sports.
- There may be special days or circumstances where uniform is not required to be worn e.g: camps, out-of-uniform days.
- Grade 6 students will be permitted to choose and wear a distinctive “final year” windcheater/rugby top as a special privilege.
- House colour T shirts are to be worn on Inter House sports days and special days as nominated by the school.
- Due to health and safety regulations, the following items are not permitted during school hours:  
make up, earrings other than simple sleepers or studs, rings and loose jewellery, thongs, open toed shoes, backless shoes, umbrellas and scarves.

- 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 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.
- Coloured nail polish, hair and body piercings other than ear piercings are not part of the school uniform.

#### **Lost Items:**

- The school will make provision for the return of lost property and uniforms that are labelled with the student's name. It is the responsibility of the parents to clearly label the property of their child. The school does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged personal items of students.

#### **Purchase of Uniforms**

- New school uniforms may be purchased from the School Office or from a range of commercial outlets. Items may also be hand-made and second-hand uniforms, when available, can also be purchased from the school.

#### **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/>
- Second hand uniforms are available from the school office

#### **Implementation**

- The school community is given the opportunity to have input into the Student Dress Code through survey and discussion when changes to uniform are being sought.
- Parents/Carers are made aware of the dress code requirements prior to enrolment as the Dress Code policy is included in the enrolment pack. It is also available on the school website
- We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.
- Students who are wearing non-compliant uniforms may be asked for a note from the parent/ carer to explain the non-compliance or 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 with no explanatory note, then the classroom teacher will notify the students' parents/ carers. If non-compliance with the Student Dress Code becomes a

continued occurrence, the Principal will be notified and the Principal will call the parents/carers. In this event, the school will work with the family to support compliance.

- Note: Measures taken by Foster 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 as per the Department's policy on Student Dress Codes.

Foster 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

### **Further Information and Resources**

- Foster Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Foster Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Foster 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](#).

### **Review Cycle**

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council May 2019 and is scheduled for review in May 2020 [NOTE: The Department's Student Dress Code policy requires school councils to decide annually whether or not amendments or a full review of the dress code is required].

## Appendix A: School Uniform items

<b>Polo Shirt-Jade</b> - Long or Short Sleeve - Chest emblem
<b>T-Shirt –Jade</b> - Chest emblem
<b>Windcheater – Navy or Jade</b> - Drop Shoulder - chest emblem. With split or with band
<b>Hooded Windcheater –Navy</b> - Front pocket - chest emblem.
<b>Polar Fleece Zip Jacket – Navy</b> - chest emblem.
<b>Polar Fleece Vest - Navy</b>
<b>Track Pants – Fleecy – Navy</b> - Straight leg or straight leg with reinforced knee and zip pocket
<b>Track Pants – Cotton/Elastene – Navy</b> - Bootleg
<b>Dress – Navy/ White checks</b> - Peter pan collar, back zip, pocket or Pointed collar(open neck) front buttons, pocket-action back
<b>Skirt – Navy</b> - Pleated skirt polyester/viscose Gaberdine
<b>Skort - Navy</b> - Gaberdine
<b>Shorts – Basketball – Navy</b> - Mesh
<b>Shorts - Navy</b>
<b>Sports T – house colour</b>
<b>Legionnaires Hat</b>
<b>Cricket Hat</b>
<b>School Bag with Logo</b>