



Foster Primary School Student Dress Code

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Foster 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 Foster Primary School's School Council and the Student Representative 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 Foster 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 Foster Primary School Dress Code is based around the school colours of Jade and Navy. Uniform should be clean, tidy and appropriate for school (no offensive logos etc). Typical uniform consists of a School Polo-Shirt with school logo (accompanied by plain navy items), or the School "Summer" Dress. The full list of Foster Primary Schools 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, Foster Primary School's students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name

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. Religious and cultural jewellery will be permitted upon application to the Principal.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school.

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 Term 1 and Term 4 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. [

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 Inside Out Clothing in Main Street Foster.

Foster Primary School has limited supplies of second-hand uniform available. Please contact the school office for information.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or business manager 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/>

IMPLEMENTATION

Foster Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and student enrolment packs. 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 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.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

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 the school website.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Sunsmart Policy
- Parent Complaint Policy
- 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	June 2022
Consultation	School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	4 years

APPENDIX A: FOSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL'S UNIFORM ITEMS

School Polo Shirt:

- School Polo Shirt Jade with logo short sleeves*
- School Polo Shirt Jade with logo long sleeves*
- "Grade 6" Polo Shirt (*Grade 6 students only*)

School Dress: (Optional)

- School 'Summer' Dress blue and white check*

Jumper or Vest:

- Navy polar/vest fleece with school logo*
- Navy polar fleece zip jacket with school logo*
- Navy jumper with school logo*
- Plain navy (without decoration or brand name) jumper or cardigan (with or without hood)

Sun Hat:

- School Sun Hat *- *Outside only*

Other Hat/ Headwear: (Optional)

- School Beanie* - ***Outside only***
- Beanie, (plain navy without decoration or brand name) – ***Outside wear only***
- Sunglasses wrap around style to AS 1067 - ***Outside wear only***
- Headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs
- Simple headbands, hair ribbons, hair clips (preferably school colours)
- Hair ties of any colour to tie back long hair

Pants/Shorts/Skorts/Skirts:

- Appropriate clothing for active play is to be worn, selected items (Track Pants*, School Pants, Leggings, Shorts*, Skorts*, Skirts) should be plain navy without decoration or brand name

Socks/Tights (Optional)

- Navy or white preferred

Coat or Rain Jacket: (Optional)

- Any coat or jacket that can be layered over school uniform - ***Outside wear only***

Footwear:

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

House Colours T-Shirt (Sports Days etc):

- T-Shirt in designated house colour, plain non-branded T-Shirt preferred
- Oberon (Purple)*, Derby (Green)*, Waratah (Yellow)*

School Bag:

- Backpack with School Logo *
- Backpack (sized to take A4 folders)

Note: Items indicated * are available at Inside Out Clothing in Foster