



OAK PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT UNIFORM POLICY

Ratified by School Council August 2018

PURPOSE

The implementation of the Student Uniform Policy is designed to improve individual student safety and group security and to assist all students to develop a sense of collective identity, ownership and pride in the school.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) also acknowledges other purposes of a Student Uniform Policy:

- allowing all students to feel equal
- preventing bullying and competition on the basis of clothing
- ensuring students' appearance reflects the expectations of their school community
- enhancing the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community
- strengthening the spirit of community within the school
- ensuring all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- encouraging students to develop pride in their appearance
- preparing students for the expectations of workplaces
- encouraging students to present themselves appropriately for a particular role.

GENERAL AIMS

1. To take into account the implications of equal opportunity legislation when developing the Student Uniform Policy.
2. To provide a detailed written statement of the expectations that the School Council holds with regard to student appearance.
3. To incorporate all requirements that enable all children, irrespective of gender, to participate actively and safely in school life.
4. To enable sanctions to be applied to students whose dress does not comply with the policy.



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GUIDELINES

1. Classroom teachers will monitor their students wearing of uniform.
2. The Student Uniform Policy will not discriminate against any student on the basis of gender, gender identity, race, nationality, religious belief or disability.
3. The Principal has the authority to grant exemptions from the policy where a parent can demonstrate a particular health problem, religious, cultural or other relevant issue in relation to the wearing of the School Uniform.
4. Parents and/or Carers must contact the principal when seeking an exemption from any aspect of this policy.
5. The issue related to students who are short term enrolments will be negotiated between the principal and the parents.
6. The Student Uniform Policy will generally apply during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are engaged in school activities outside school hours. Exceptions to this include attendance at camps and relevant excursions (which may require wearing of different clothing).
7. It is expected that all students will attend school in school uniform. Exceptions are when an Out of Uniform Day has been called by the Principal.
8. All students are required to wear appropriate sports uniform when representing the school in inter-school sport and appropriate footwear during Physical Education classes.
9. Thongs and open toed footwear are not permitted.
10. No jewellery other than ear studs/small loops and/or watches is permitted.
11. All students with shoulder length or longer hair, are required to have it tied back.
Head lice are spread through head-to-head contact. The Victorian Government's Better Health Channel recommends tying long hair back to help prevent head lice. For further information on this, see Appendix B.
12. Only clear nail polish is allowed.
13. Students are not permitted to wear make-up.
14. Sanctions will be applied to students whose dress does not comply with the Uniform Policy. (Refer to Appendix A)



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ASSISTANCE WITH UNIFORMS AND SHOES

If your family is eligible, you may receive financial assistance to help meet the costs of your child's education, including uniforms and shoes.

This support is provided by not-for-profit organisation State Schools' Relief (SSR). Please contact the school if you would like to know more.



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UNIFORM ITEMS:

The school uniform colours are navy blue and jade. To see photos of our school uniform visit:

<http://www.aplusschoolwear.com.au/SearchResult.aspx?Labels=OAK PARK P.S>

The current supplier of the Oak Park Primary School uniform is:



AGS Pty Ltd
133 Bakers Road
North Coburg 3058
PH: 03 9354 8345

www.aplusschoolwear.com.au

The following uniform items can be purchased from the school's uniform supplier:

- Short sleeve polo with school logo
- Long sleeve polo with school logo
- Sports polo with school logo (Grade 5 and 6 only)
- Bomber Jacket with school logo
- Summer Dress
- Rugby shorts
- Gaberdine shorts
- Trackpants
- Gaberdine pants
- Bootleg pants
- Pinafore dress
- Lycra skort
- Gabardine skort
- Raincoat – fleece line
- Art smock
- Slouch hat with logo
- Bucket hat
- Book bag
- School bag

The following items may be sourced from other suppliers eg K Mart:

- Shorts (navy blue).
- Tracksuit pants (navy)
- Black school shoes
- Runners (standard; no black soles, lights or rollers)
- Long navy trousers (no jeans)
- Pinafore dress (navy)
- Navy blue winter beanie
- Cancer Council recommended sunglasses
- * Skivvy (navy or jade; to be worn underneath other uniform items eg polo/dress)
- * Leggings, stockings (navy)
- * Bicycle Shorts (navy)

* **These items NOT to be worn as outer wear**



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Appendix A

Sanctions

- Students not wearing a hat at designated times as per the Skin Cancer Prevention Policy will be restricted to designated areas.
- Students not in full uniform will be given a warning in the first instance. Further non compliance will be followed up with a standard letter to the parent. Parents will be required to explain to the school administration why the student is not complying with the Student Uniform Policy.
Further sanctions will apply at the discretion of the Principal or Assistant Principal.

Appendix B

Useful Links

DET website:

- <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/primary/Pages/uniforms.aspx>

Head Lice:

- <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/head-lice-nits>
- <http://www.abc.net.au/news/health/2017-11-15/expert-advice-on-how-to-get-rid-of-hair-lice/9150290>
- <https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/2d290f80458f949a927eff4ba88a01d5/15076.6+Head+Lice+A4+Brochurev7WebS.PDF?MOD=AJPERES&CACHEID=ROOTWORKSPACE-2d290f80458f949a927eff4ba88a01d5-m08ggKq>
- <http://www.cyh.com/HealthTopics/HealthTopicDetails.aspx?p=114&np=304&id=1664#prevent>