

Preston North East Student Dress

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Preston North East'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 Preston North East's students, staff and School Council to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging
- encourage students to develop pride in their appearance
- ensure 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.

Our dress code 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

All students are expected to arrive at school in the appropriate school uniform. This includes the school jumper/t-shirt, black pants/skirt and suitable closed shoes.

The full list of Preston North East's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, traveling to or from school or participating in school activities, students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of uniform-coloured clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth.

Jewellery and cosmetics

- Stud earrings and small sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable forms of jewellery.
- Cosmetics and tanning products are not permitted. Nails should be short and only clear nail polish is permitted.

Sun safety

School uniform hats must be worn outdoors in Term 1 and Term 4. They are permitted at any time of year.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around style 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 Lowes Northland.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Assistant 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/>

IMPLEMENTATION

Preston North East Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and Newsletter. 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, parents will be contacted. The school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance, 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 request. The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Preston North East 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 website.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Preston North East Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Preston North East Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Preston North East 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 in December 2023 and is scheduled for review in June 2025.

APPENDIX A: Preston North East UNIFORM ITEMS

Website: www.lowes.com.au/schools-online/preston-north-east-primary-school

Jumper or Vest: Red polar fleece or vest with school logo

Polo shirts: Red long or short sleeved with school logo.

Pants: Plain, black track pants

Shorts and skorts: Plain black, mid-thigh length shorts or skorts. Not bike shorts.

Socks and stockings: black or white socks, black stockings/tights.

Footwear: Summer sandals with covered toes, black or brown school shoes or runners are permitted. No thongs or open-toed sandals.

Headwear: Hair ribbons and scrunchies should be red or black. Headwear/scarves worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs can be any modest colour.

Dresses: Red and white checked dress

Long-sleeved top: Plain red or black skivvy

Hats: Red broadbrim hats with or without the school logo.