



# Student Dress Code Policy 2019

## Avondale Primary School

### **Commitment to Child Safety**

*Avondale Primary School is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This will be the primary focus of our care and decision making. Avondale Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse.*

*Avondale Primary School is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Particular attention will be paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and / or linguistically diverse backgrounds, vulnerable children as well as the safety of children with a disability.*

*Every person involved in Avondale Primary School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/ she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.*

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Student Dress Code Policy is to outline Avondale 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 approved by Avondale Primary School's School Council in close consultation with our subcommittees and 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 Avondale 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 satisfies a balance of criteria such as cost, quality and convenience and also provides a range of choices for students.

### **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 such as interschool sport and excursions.

### **UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE**

Avondale Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows and can be worn by all students :

#### **Summer**

- School logo polo shirt/T-shirt (gold or royal blue)
- Plain gold polo shirt/T-shirt
- Blue and white check dress
- School logo jacket/windcheater
- Blue shorts
- Blue (royal or navy) netball skirt
- Socks (any colour)
- Plain royal blue windcheater



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- Sneakers/runners, or school shoes
- School hat ( legionnaires or with a brim)

### **Winter**

- School logo jacket/windcheater
- Plain royal blue windcheater
- Sneakers/runners, or school shoes
- Plain gold polo shirt/T-shirt
- School tracksuit pants
- Blue or gold skivvy
- School logo polo shirt/T-shirt (gold or blue)

### *Please note:*

- Students are encouraged to wear runners on days when PE is timetabled
- Thongs or open-toed sandals are not permitted as they do not provide adequate protection

Avondale Primary School's student dress code supports students who wish to wear religious headwear to school.

### **General appearance**

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Avondale Primary School 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 clothing in school uniform colours may be worn over the top or underneath the uniform for added warmth.

### **Jewellery and cosmetics**

Due to safety and security concerns students are not encouraged to wear jewellery to school. These include stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, bracelets and necklaces. Watches that are not internet enabled are permitted, however the school does not take responsibility for these items.

The wearing of cosmetics at school is not permitted.

### **Sun safety**

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August 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.

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. Avondale Primary School does not take responsibility for these items.

### **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

Avondale Primary School uniforms are manufactured and supplied by LOWES. Uniform items can be purchased from LOWES Highpoint or online at <https://www.lowes.com.au/schools-online/avondale-primary-school>

- School hats may be purchased directly from the school

### **LOCATION:**

Lowes Highpoint  
Shop 2143 Highpoint City Shopping Centre  
Rosamond Road, MARIBYRNONG 3032  
Ph: 9317-4659



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### **TRADING HOURS:**

Monday to Wednesday – 9.00am to 5.30pm

Thursday & Friday – 9.00am to 9.00pm

Saturday – 9.00am to 5.00pm

Sunday – 10.00am to 5.00pm

Avondale Primary School also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. The second hand uniform store provides good quality uniforms at a reasonable price. This store is run by parent helpers and is open on Friday morning froms 8.30-9.15am. Donations are greatly appreciated.

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

The school will make every effort to support families that are having difficulty with providing a suitable school uniform for their child. Please contact the Principal or Student Wellbeing Coordinator- Carol Broadhurst to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficult 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**

Avondale Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and newsletter.

Families of students wearing non-compliant uniform items will be asked to provide an explanation for this.

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 school. 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 in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

Students attending sport activities e.g. Interschool Sport are required to change out of their sports uniform and back into their general school uniform upon return to school.

### **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 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.



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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 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

Avondale 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 *Issue Resoluion Policy*, available on the school website.

### FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Avondale Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Avondale Primary School Issue Resolution Policy
- Student Wellbeing & Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)

### REVIEW CYCLE

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council in March 2019 and is scheduled for review in March 2020.