



# Falls Creek Primary School

## Student Dress Code Policy 2021

### Purpose

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Falls Creek Primary School's requirements for student dress and appearance, and to provide information about dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Falls Creek Primary School's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interest of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- promote equality amongst all students
- encourage a sense of pride, and identification with our school
- ensure that students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities and the environment
- maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

### Scope

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while travelling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

### Student Dress and Appearance

Due to the largely transient nature of the school population, a uniform is not deemed to be practical. However students are required to wear clothing appropriate for the environment and school activities.

Students have the option of wearing pants, shorts, skirts or dresses.

Footwear should be durable and completely cover both the upper foot and the heel. Slippers are to be worn inside the school during Term 3. Snow, snowboard and ski boots must be removed before coming in from the lobby area.

### Jewellery and cosmetics

Jewellery may present risk of injury if caught during activity or play. Jewellery around the neck and earrings, other than studs, are not permitted.

Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.

### Sun Safety

Clothing should be consistent with our SunSmart policy and appropriate to school activities. Revealing clothing and bare midriffs are not acceptable.

Hats are to be consistent with our Sunsmart policy. Broad brimmed hats must be worn outside in Terms 1, 2 (until the end of April) & 4. Beanies or similar are acceptable during the colder months. Hats are not to be worn inside. Hat cords, chinstraps and drawstrings present risks of injury or strangulation. Parents should choose hats (or other garments) without cords, drawstrings or chinstraps, or with safety cords designed to detach if caught.

Students are required to wear sunglasses or goggles when participating in snow sport activities during winter.

## Implementation

The Student Dress Code will be communicated to all families and students through the Parent Information Book and through the school website. Reminders will also be placed in the school newsletter. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code. Measures taken by Falls Creek Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the dress code will be addressed in accordance with the Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

## Exemptions to Student Dress Code

We recognise that there may be situation where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parents or carers may apply in writing to the Principal for an exemption to this Students Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement because 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 parent/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 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 students and/or their parents or carers. The Principal will keep a written record of decisions made and the reasons provided.

## Concerns about this Student Dress Code

Falls Creek 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 Concerns and Complaints Policy* which can be found on the school website.

## Further Information and Resources

- Falls Creek Primary School [Sunsmart Policy](#)
- Falls Creek Primary School [Parent Concerns and Complaints Policy](#)
- Falls Creek 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](#).

## Evaluation

This Student Dress Code Policy was last approved by School Council in February 2021 and is scheduled for review in November 2021.