
MILGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY



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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Milgate 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 Milgate 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 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 Milgate 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 travelling to and from school, during school hours, and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Milgate Primary School's compulsory school 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, Milgate 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 may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden
- Jackets and beanies can be worn outside in cold weather, but must not remain on during class time.

Jewellery and cosmetics

For safety, students are not permitted to wear large decorative jewellery to school. Smaller decorative jewellery is acceptable.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school.

Sun safety

School uniform hats must be worn outside in 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.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

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 directly from PSW <https://www.psw.com.au/>

Milgate Primary School Parents and Friends Association also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents once per month. Information can be found on the school website.

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs](#) and fees page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund, you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

Please contact the Principal or office staff 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/>

Milgate Primary School also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

IMPLEMENTATION

Milgate Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and school newsletter. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

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 Milgate 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.

Free Dress Days designated by the school will serve as an exception to the requirement for students to wear their school uniform on those specific days.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Milgate 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 and Compass.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website and Compass
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in the staff handbook
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information sessions

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Milgate Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Milgate Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Milgate 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](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	05/2025
Consultation	School Council
Approved by	Principal & School Council
Next scheduled review date	05/2028

APPENDIX A: UNIFORM LIST

UNIFORM | General

- School Logo Embroidered Polo shirt | short or long sleeves
- School Logo Embroidered Bomber jacket
- Vest or Jacket | Polar Fleece
- Tracksuit pants
- Shorts
- Socks | bottle green or white
- Shoes | black school shoes or track shoes [no black soles]
- Hat | legionnaires or wide brim hat
- Summer school dress
- Winter tunic / skirt [may be worn with polo shirt or skivvy in bottle green or white]
- Culottes
- Tights | bottle green or white

JEWELLERY

- For safety, students are not permitted to wear large decorative jewellery to school. Smaller decorative jewellery is acceptable
- Watch

HAIR ACCESSORIES

- Only in school colours (i.e. green or white)

UNIFORM | Sports

- Students wear general Milgate uniform.
- Year 5 & 6 students ONLY: school sports top [see details below].

UNIFORM | Team Sports

- Students competing in sport are expected to wear the Milgate uniform or will be provided with a sports uniform when necessary.
- Netball skirts can only be worn for netball.
- Cricket whites are acceptable for the cricket team on interschool sports days.

UNIFORM | Sports Tops

Sports tops are available ONLY for Year 5 and 6 students. They can only be worn on days when these students have P.E. or Interschool Sport or on days they are competing as part of a Milgate sports team.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

We run a second hand uniform stall approximately once a month