

PICNIC POINT PUBLIC SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY



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Rational:

At Picnic Point Public School the wearing of full and correct school uniform is seen as important and is valued by the school community.

As well as being a symbol of unity, pride, identity and belonging, it provides a measure of protection for students during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when engaged in school activities outside the school grounds. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of a uniform code.

A school uniform consists of a limited range of clothing, including footwear and headwear. It identifies students as belonging to a particular school.

The school principal is responsible for managing the process of reviewing and establishing agreements about school uniform requirements and for managing their implementation.

Benefits of Wearing a School Uniform

The wearing of school uniforms by students will assist school communities in:

- defining an identity for the school within its community
- developing students' sense of belonging to the school community
- providing an opportunity to build school spirit
- promoting the health and safety of all students by identifying items necessary for particular activities e.g. items for sun protection.
- promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
- reinforcing the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment
- increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school
- promoting positive community perceptions of public education
- making school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes.
- including items that are affordable, comfortable, made from easy-care and easy wear fabrics, appropriate for activity and suitable for all body shapes.
- including strategies for promoting the wearing of the school uniform.
- school community groups may also seek review and amendment when circumstances change significantly or issues arise.

Procedure and Standards

Picnic Point Public School, supported and endorsed by the P & C will:

- ensure that students wear the school uniform by positively reinforcing and encouraging responsible behaviour.
- ensure that everyone has a role in setting the standards for the school. Teachers and other school staff model appropriate standards for students. They should dress in a professional manner at all times.
- not disadvantage students where required uniform items are not available because of circumstances beyond their control.
- assist families experiencing financial difficulties with their school uniform purchase upon their application for Student Assistance Funding.
- respect conscientious objections by parents to the wearing of school uniform.
- respond appropriately to students who do not wear uniform. Responses must be fair and consistent. They must not prevent students from continued participation in essential curriculum activities except where exclusion is necessary for reasons of safety. In this situation, alternative educational activities must be provided.
- provide parents/guardians/caregivers with the school's uniform policy and school uniform requirements.

Strategies to Assist Individual Students Who Resist The Wearing of The School Uniform

These may include:

- speaking to the student (preferably in private) to encourage wearing of the school uniform
- providing a verbal warning to student
- providing advice to the parents via a phone call or letter from the principal inviting parents to the school to discuss the situation with the principal or another staff member
- negotiating an appropriate course of action with the student and parent
- implementing School Discipline policy

Girls Uniform

Summer

Summer Dress, White Socks, Black Leather School Shoes

Sport: Royal Blue Sports Skirt or Shorts, Sky Blue Polo with embroidered emblem, White Socks, White Joggers

Winter

Tartan Tunic, White Long-sleeved Peter Pan Collared Shirt with Maroon Tab, Maroon Tights or White Socks, Black Leather School Shoes

OR

Maroon Trousers, White Long-sleeved Peter Pan Collared Shirt or White Skivvy (no Maroon Tab), White Socks, Black Leather School Shoes

Sport: Maroon Trackpants, Maroon V-necked Jumper, Sky Blue Polo with embroidered emblem or White Skivvy, White Socks, White Joggers

Boys Uniform

Summer

Grey Shorts, Sky Blue Short-sleeved Shirt, Grey Socks, Black Leather School Shoes

Sport: Royal Blue Shorts, Sky Blue Polo with embroidered emblem, White Socks, White Joggers

Winter

Long Grey Trousers, Sky Blue Long Sleeved Shirt, Grey Socks, Black Leather School Shoes

Sport: Maroon Track Pants, Maroon V-necked Jumper, Sky Blue Polo with embroidered emblem or White Skivvy, White Socks, White Joggers

Notes

Socks: Above the ankle only

Shoes: Black. White joggers for sport only. No thongs can be worn at any time

Jacket: Maroon and blue school parachute jacket or maroon zip up fleecy jacket

Cardigan: Maroon

Hat: School hat all year

Gloves: School colours

Scarves: School colours

Hair: School colours for ribbon, elastics. Hair colour and style (male or female) should not detract from the school's expected standards

Jewellery: Strongly discouraged due to safety. Plain studs or sleepers only. Religious necklaces can be worn under the uniform

Nail Polish: Clear only

Make-up: Not to be worn, except for performances

Yr 6 Shirt: Can be worn on Fridays, camps, other special days

Mufti days

These are organised by the SRC or school to give the students the opportunity to express their individuality through dressing for a theme, while raising funds for special projects

Representing The School

Students representing Picnic Point Public School at special events and excursions are expected to be dressed in full school uniform appropriate to the event

Sporting Carnivals

Students are encouraged to dress in their house colours or sports uniform