

## Uniform Policy



### Help for non-English speakers

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### Rationale

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

### Aims

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
- To provide a sense of unity and for the safety of students in public.

### Implementation

- The School Dress Code provides for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are on school excursions.
- All children attending Pakenham Consolidated School must wear the school uniform (including sports uniform as prescribed). School uniform is available from State Schools' Relief, 1/8 Johnston Court, Dandenong South or can be through the QKR! app. *(Uniforms ordered through the school holidays will be delivered to the students home, and uniforms ordered during school terms will be delivered to school for the student to take home.)*  
Second hand sales can be made through the Administration office.  
PCS house t-shirts, windcheaters and reversible sunhats are available for purchase through the schools' online shop:  
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/eventlist/eventListingAccount/pakenhamconsolidatedschool?embed=1>
- All children are expected to attend school in clean, well maintained uniform and keep a high level of personal hygiene.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Arrangements can be made through consultation with the Principal (or delegate) to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief and other agencies for families experiencing economic hardship.

- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal.
- Exempted jewellery must be worn under clothing wherever possible.
- The only acceptable jewellery are stud earrings and sleepers (plain gold or silver) worn in the ears and watches.
- Extreme hair colours (e.g.: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (e.g.: spikes or Mohawks) are not permitted.
- Hair below collar length must be tied back as a deterrent to the spreading of head lice.
- No cosmetics may be worn at school. Clear nail polish is permitted. Tattoo transfers and glitter are not permitted.
- Navy or white long sleeved tshirts are able to be worn under the school polo shirt for extra warmth in cooler months
- Shoes, runners or work like boots should be safe to wear and appropriate to school related activities: - closed toed and done up securely by laces, buckles or Velcro. Footwear such as slip on/ballet shoes, canvas or elasticised shoes are not permitted.
- Hemlines should be at knee length. Teachers will contact parents if hemlines are deemed to be inappropriate.
- It is compulsory for students to wear an approved Sunsmart hat whenever they are outdoors from September 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. Children who do not bring a hat for these activities will be restricted to the courtyard at recess and a buddy grade at lunchtime.
- Parents are required to send a note to the class teacher if their child is out of uniform. The class teacher will monitor notes and contact parents if a child is consistently producing an out of uniform note.
- Children who are out of uniform without a parental note will be issued with an **“Out of Uniform Notification”** which indicates the reason for the notification and must be signed by parents and returned to school or the child will be restricted to the courtyard for recess and buddy grade for lunch time.
- On Free Dress days the Sunsmart clothing and shoe rules still apply. (E.g. No open toed shoes/thongs, singlets, halter neck or shoestring dresses/tops.)

## Evaluation

This policy will be evaluated yearly or as deemed necessary by the Leadership Team.

PCS Dress Code		
Garment	Colour	Special Feature
Short Sleeve Polo Shirt	Royal blue	Sky blue print
	Sky blue	Navy print <b>Year 6 Only</b>
Long Sleeve Polo Shirt	Royal blue	Sky blue print
	Sky blue	Navy print <b>Year 6 only</b>
Skivvy /Long Sleeved T-shirt	Navy blue or white	To be worn under school polo shirt for extra warmth in cooler months
Bomber Jacket	Maroon	Sky blue print
Windcheater	Maroon	Sky blue print
Polar Fleece Jacket	Navy	Sky blue print
Culottes	Navy	Sky blue print
Unisex shorts	Navy	Sky blue print
Bike Shorts	Navy	Worn under dress/skirt/tunic only Must not show below hemline
Tracksuit pants	Navy	
Tailored Pants	Navy	
Summer Dress	Maroon/navy check	White collar, cuff, pocket trim
Hats – Terms 1 and 4	Navy	Plain. Slouch or bucket with at least a 5cm brim
Coats, gloves, scarves, beanies	Navy	Plain
Shoes	Predominantly black or white	Closed toe and done up securely by laces, buckles or Velcro. No fluoro coloured shoes or laces. Slip on/ballet shoes, canvas or elasticised shoes not permitted
Socks	Navy or white	
Tights/Leggings	Navy	Under dress or tunic only

### Optional:

Children to provide a smock/old shirt for days when ‘messy’ activities are to be engage in. E.g. painting, cooking, papier mache.



# OUT OF UNIFORM NOTIFICATION

Dear Parent/Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_,

All students of Pakenham Consolidated School are required to wear school uniform according to the school's Uniform Policy (April 2020). The wearing of school uniform provides for safety, promotes a sense of pride in the school as well as self-discipline. All children out of uniform require a note from a parent/guardian.

Your child \_\_\_\_\_ of Year \_\_\_\_\_ was not wearing

Correct uniform on \_\_\_\_\_ as follows:

- |                                       |                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pants/shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> Dress        | <input type="checkbox"/> Shirt              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tights/socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Shoes        | <input type="checkbox"/> Windcheater/Jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hat          | <input type="checkbox"/> Beanie/scarf | <input type="checkbox"/> Makeup/Tattoos     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hair         | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewellery    | <input type="checkbox"/> Nail Polish        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |                                       |   |

Would you please ensure you child is aware of and complies with the PCS Uniform Policy. If you are experiencing financial difficulty please contact the school office for assistance.

Please see over for the detailed dress code.

Issued by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## PCS – Out of Uniform Notice

Please return to your child's classroom teacher tomorrow.

I acknowledge that I have received notification and will take steps to rectify the issues indicated.

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_