

# Auburn Primary School



## Uniform Policy

### Scope

This policy applies to all APS students, in accordance with Education Regulation 86 on school dress code.

### Rationale

At Auburn Primary School, we believe that the wearing of school uniform promotes pride in our school, gives the school unique identity, enhances our public image and promotes safety of our students. Our uniform encourages the wearing of appropriate clothing for school activities; it's comfortable, hard wearing, washable and affordable. We also believe that the wearing of a school uniform reduces peer pressure and supports broader school values, such as social justice and equity.

In accordance with these social justice principles, all students attending Auburn Primary School will be encouraged to wear school uniform in the Auburn colour code as listed in this policy.

### Objectives

This policy has been developed to:

- Promote equality, belonging and a sense of pride
- Enable students to participate in all school activities with comfort
- Provide practical, cost-effective, hard-wearing, washable dress options to families
- Enable the ready identification of Auburn Primary School students when off site and in the case of an emergency

### Implementation

Auburn Primary School's Governing Council has an expectation that students at our school will follow the dress code. It is also recommended that uniform is worn when attending an excursion or at other such times when students are representing the school (however, camps, sleep overs and beach excursions may be an exception).

Uniform options, as described in the Uniform Policy, will be given to all new parents as outlined in the Parent Handbook (updated, as required).

### 1. Dress code

Red and Black are the school colours:

- **Tops**
  - ✓ Red t-shirt or school (logo) polo shirt
  - ✓ Skivvy or long-sleeved under top in school colour code
  - ✓ Red windcheater, school (logo) polar fleece jumper or hoodie  
Logo items available for purchase from Front Office
- **Bottoms**
  - ✓ Black or grey shorts, track/long pants or leggings/tights (*not* active wear, such as 'skins')
  - ✓ Black or grey skirt or skort
  - ✓ School (logo) polo dress  
Logo items available for purchase from Front Office
- **Other**
  - ✓ **Socks:** black, grey or white
  - ✓ **Jackets:** plain black or grey (other permitted if only over the top of school uniform to and from school)
  - ✓ **Accessories:** red, black, grey or white hair accessories (see below), studs or sleepers, watch (no internet or phone/messaging capability allowed – refer *Personal digital devices policy*)
  - ✓ **Other:** Principal approved student leadership jumper
- **Hats and beanies**
  - ✓ Grey bucket hat with school logo
  - ✓ Auburn PS branded beanie  
Both only available for purchase from Front Office

Inappropriate or unsafe footwear, accessories and non-Sunsmart clothing are unacceptable as uniform items. This includes: thongs, slip-on or high-heeled footwear, tank tops, dangling earrings, necklaces, fashion-modified jeans and baseball caps; clothing with visible branding or offensive, drug-related or socially unacceptable slogans.

Except on special occasions endorsed by Kids' Council and staff, or staff and the Principal, brightly coloured hair and make-up, including nail varnish, is not acceptable.

## 2. Hats

Our school is a SunSmart School. In line with our Sun Protection Policy, endorsed by the Cancer Council of SA, hats must be worn at all times when outside during Terms 1 and 4, and when UV levels are above 3 in other terms (UV levels are monitored daily, and students notified via office posters when they are required to wear a hat). Students are also encouraged to wear hats when walking to and from school when the UV index is above 3. In Terms 2 and 3, when the UV level is below 3, students are permitted to wear a warm hat (such as a beanie) in the school colours.

To promote SunSmart behaviour and support a 'no hat, no play' policy, all students are supplied a new bucket hat upon first enrolment. It is an expectation that all staff and parents also role model SunSmart behaviour when on school grounds or attending outdoor school activities.

## 3. Pre-used clothing

Second-hand items of uniform are available at reduced prices, as they become available. Parents are encouraged to enquire at the Front Office should they wish to source pre-used clothing for school uniform.

## 4. Exemptions

The Regulation 86 makes provision for exemptions on the following grounds:

- religious (unless an item poses an unacceptable risk to safety)
- cultural or ethnic
- new students (time given to purchase)
- itinerant and mobile students
- financial hardship
- genuine medical or family sickness reasons

An application for an exemption must be made in writing, addressed to the Principal, and will be confidential. New parents will be given a 1-term period of grace (ie without application required) to enable them to purchase clothing.

The Policy provides for the right of the Kid's Council to schedule a non-uniform day for the purpose of fundraising or other approved activity or event. Approval will be in negotiation with teaching staff and the Principal; and full SunSmart requirements for clothing, as outlined in the *Sun Protection Policy*, apply.

## Breaches

If there is a temporary problem with availability of uniform items, resulting in a student not wearing clothing appropriate to the uniform, the class teacher must be notified (either in advance or at the time of non-compliance). Students who do not wear the uniform will receive a verbal reminder on the first occasion; followed by a letter of notification to take home to the parent/caregiver if uniform is not corrected the following day. If the breach continues, a follow-up letter will be issued by the Principal. If necessary, a discussion between the parent/caregiver and the Principal will be arranged to find a solution to the breach.

## Policy review

It is the role of the Governing Council (or its relevant sub-committee) to:

- Review the School's Uniform Policy
- Survey the school community as to the suitability of the dress code, when required
- Research products and prices
- Review the school logo, as necessary
- Make recommendations for change to the Uniform

The committee will seek input from the Kids' Council, staff and parents before making recommendation for changes to the uniform to be approved by Governing Council.

**Date policy was last ratified: August, 2023**

**Date of next policy review: August, 2026**

## Supporting information

In support of implementation of this Policy, the following local (school) policies and procedures may be consulted:

- Sun Protection Policy