



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

RATIONALE:

A uniform reinforces in students a pride in their 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 this uniform Policy.

The school believes that the wearing of school uniform by all children:

Promotes equality amongst all students

- Improves school tone and atmosphere and helps develop a sense of pride and identification with the school
- Assists with student identification and safety in public places
- Provides families with the opportunity to purchase economical, durable, functional and practical clothing items
- Helps to eliminate peer group pressure to wear less appropriate clothing, reduces competition amongst children and removes pressure on families to provide “fashionable” items for daily wear.
- Maintains the high public and community regard for the school and its students.

IMPLEMENTATION:

After consultation with the school community and the Junior School Council, School Council has developed a School Uniform Policy that provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities and does not financially overburden parents.

Any changes to the uniform policy will involve consultation with the school community and the Junior School Council.

- The wearing of the prescribed school uniform is expected. The uniform is to be worn during school hours, while travelling to and from school, when participating in excursions and when representing the school.
- For safety reasons, jewellery, with the exception of watches and plain stud or small sleeper earrings (to be worn in the ears), is not permitted.
- Cosmetics are not to be worn at school. This includes coloured nail polish.
- For safety and health reasons, children (girls and boys) who have hair that is touching the collar must have it tied back.
- The only headwear permitted is broad brimmed, navy blue Sunsmart hats which must be worn outdoors in terms 1 and 4 and beanies which may be worn during terms 2 and 3. Sunsmart hats must be worn at lunch time, recess and during physical education and sports sessions. Hats are not to be worn inside. Head scarves are not permitted (unless a religious exemption has been granted)



- Footwear must be appropriate for the activities to be undertaken. Thongs, open toed footwear and shoes with high heels are not permitted. Runners must be worn during physical education sessions.
- All clothing must be in a reasonable and clean condition. Torn or ripped clothing must be mended or replaced as appropriate.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via the State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- All uniform items and footwear should be clearly labelled with the child's name.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase will be published in the school newsletter at the start of each year.
- School Council authorizes the principal to be responsible for the implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Parents seeking an exemption to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health conditions or economic hardship must apply in writing to the principal.

Extreme Weather

Students are encouraged to wear coats, hats and gloves outside during very cold weather. However these items are not part of the school uniform and are not to be worn inside.

Compliance obligations

- Students not wearing school uniform will be spoken to by a staff member and encouraged to observe the dress code policy and/or referred to the principal.
- Parents/carers will be contacted by the Principal or Deputy, via phone, letter or diary note if the student persistently breaches the dress code.
- Further discussions may be required if non-compliance continues.
- If school uniform is not worn on school photo day or on an excursion day, the student will be given a clean shirt from the second hand supply for use on that day if an alternative arrangement cannot be made.

Inappropriate clothing

The clothing listed below is deemed to be inappropriate on all school days, including casual dress days, sports days and on camp:

- Tank and shoestring strap or bare belly tops.
- Short, tight skirts.
- Brand name clothing with offensive graphics and/or wording.

The Principal:

1. may prescribe alternative clothing to be worn for special occasions or camps
2. may excuse a student from wearing school uniform in exceptional circumstances
3. may assist students in financial need to acquire uniform items
4. will determine the appropriateness of clothing worn



The Uniform consists of the following:

Summer Uniform (terms 1 & 4) term 2 transition to Winter

Red or navy blue polo shirt

Navy blue shorts (cargo style)

Netball skirt

Long Navy pants

Polo Fleece Haddon Jumper

Check dresses in school material – netball knickers or bike shorts to be worn with dresses

Navy blue broad brimmed Sunsmart hat

Winter Uniform (term 3) term 2 transition to Winter from Summer

Red or navy blue polo shirt – long or short sleeved

Long navy pants (not jeans)

Navy tunic

Red or navy skivvy

Red or navy tights

Polo fleece Haddon Jumper

Beanies- optional

Grade 6 students- Haddon PS Gr 6 Hoodie

Black School Shoes

Runners for Phys Ed

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in staff induction processes
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at annual staff briefings/meetings
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Haddon Primary School Website: <https://haddonps.vic.edu.au/our-school/policies>

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	October 2021
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