

Seaview Downs Primary School

Dress Code and Uniform Policy

Implemented in May, 2006
Last reviewed in November, 2015

Seaview Downs Primary School Council has an approved school dress code, that all students are expected to follow. This requires the wearing of the Seaview Downs Primary School colours at all times. These are maroon and navy, with gold as a trim or contrasting colour. School logo items are preferred but garments may be purchased elsewhere if they comply with the school colour code.

Colours are to be worn in the following ways:

Tops: Maroon or gold polo shirts; maroon windcheater; maroon baseball jacket.
Year 6 and 7 Senior Tops and Pedal Prix tops are maroon with appropriate designs.

Senior Tops: In Years 6 and 7, students may wear

- A maroon polo shirt embroidered with Senior
- A maroon cool dry top with Senior ironed on
- A Senior's Windcheater. Each year, a special design with students' names is printed on the back of this as a memento of Year 7.
- A windcheater designed for DECD approved groups e.g. SAPSASA, PSWE

Bottoms: Navy shorts, cargo pants, track pants [without stripes], leggings, skirts, skorts [shorts with front over-panel]. No denim.

Hats are available in maroon or navy, and in three styles – legionnaire, slouch, bucket [min. 6cm brim]

Accessories e.g. hair bands, scarves, beanies, gloves are to be in the school colours [navy, maroon, gold].

Undergarment items designed to be seen must be plain [not lace] and navy, maroon or gold.

Sensible footwear is to be worn at all times. No thongs or high platform shoes are permitted.

Jewellery should be kept to a minimum for safety reasons.

- Earrings: small surgical steel studs or sleepers only – no dangling earrings, flesh holes or spacers. No other facial body piercing is permitted.
- Watch and medic alert bracelets are permitted.
- One small item of jewellery [either ring or bracelet or necklace] is permitted, if subtle and appropriate to the school context. NB: as necklaces can be a safety issue for children who use play equipment, they are not recommended for students younger than year 5.

Make up:

- No eye make-up is to be worn.
- Clear or a soft shade of lip gloss is permitted.
- Only clear nail polish can be worn. [strongly coloured polish is accepted on special days such as sports days, casual days.]
- Face make up is not recommended for young skin.

Long hair should be tied back for safety reasons.

Sweat bands are not to be worn on wrists or heads.

The benefits of the dress code are:

- The wearing of school uniform promotes pride in our school

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- It enhances our public image
 - It reduces peer pressure
 - It promotes a sense of equity
 - It is cost effective
 - It encourages appropriate clothing for school activities and for primary aged students in a school setting
 - It ensures that students observe health and safety standards.

Dress code regulations:

Education Department Regulation 77 on Dress Codes provides the following:

1. The right for school councils to determine school dress policy
2. Consultation entitlements and processes
3. Enforcement obligations and exemption conditions.

Exemptions:

As per departmental guidelines, parents/carers may seek exemptions from our dress code on the following grounds:

- Religious
- Cultural or ethnic
- New student (to allow time to purchase)
- Itinerant student
- Financial hardship
- Reasons of genuine medical or family sickness.

Compliance obligations:

If an item of clothing is considered not to be in the spirit of the school's dress code, the child will be asked by a staff member to remove the item [where practicable] and told not to wear it to school again. Those wearing makeup will be directed to remove it.

Parents/carers will be contacted by letter or diary note from the teacher / deputy / principal, if the student persistently breaches the dress code.

Further discussions may be required if non-compliance persists.

On excursions, safety is paramount. The wearing of the school uniform is expected, as it helps to protect students by making them identifiable as members of our school. 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 following items are inappropriate for normal school wear:

- Tank tops* and cropped tops*
- Short, tight skirts*
- Board shorts
- Brand name clothing with offensive graphic and/or wording*
- Denim jeans, denim shorts
- Thongs*, shoes with heels*.

* **Clothing marked with an asterisk cannot be worn on Casual Days and Sports Days**, as these items do not fit the school's Sun Protection Policy and / or are not suitable for physical activity.

Hat policy:

Seaview Downs Primary School has a No Hat, No Play policy. Students are required to wear a style of hat that protects the face, neck and ears i.e. broad brim (slouch or bucket) or legionnaire style. Hats must be worn from Monday of Week 6, Term 3 to Friday of Week 5, Term 2, during recess and lunchtimes and for all outdoor lessons.

Students without appropriate hats sit in designated shaded areas or in an inside space.

Children are encouraged to wear a hat to and from school, and to wear SPF 30+ or greater sun screen.

NB: The wearing of School Uniform or clothing in appropriate colours is compulsory. We ask that you respect this and support the Seaview Downs Primary School Dress Code.

Seaview Downs Primary School Uniform Shop:

Our uniform shop provides many items of uniform that are of good quality and very reasonably priced. Both winter and summer ranges have a number of styles within a set colour range. We ask that purchases from the school shop be your first choice, but you may purchase clothing from other sources provided that it is consistent with our school colours (maroon or gold tops, navy pants / leg wear). Uniforms sold by Seaview Downs Primary School are in accordance with our sun protection policy.

Winter Uniform: Maroon tunic windcheater (logo); maroon baseball jacket (logo); maroon or gold polo shirt (long or short sleeved); navy polar fleece vest.

Navy track pants: navy cargo pants: navy bootleg pants [lycra or fleece]: navy leggings.

Royal, navy and gold checked pinafore [with detachable bib to make skirt] can be ordered through the Uniform Shop.

Summer Uniform: Navy shorts; maroon, navy and white checked dress; maroon short sleeve polo shirt; navy skirts; navy skorts; hats.

Bags: Ergonomically designed backpacks come in two sizes; Music/Library slim satchel style bags are available in navy with gold lettering.

Second Hand Clothing: The Uniform Shop keeps a small range of quality second hand clothing with school logo which may be purchased for a gold coin donation.

There is a *Give-away Box* of T-shirts and jumpers without logos, as well as pants and shorts.

If you wish to sell items, you may place a notice in the school newsletter or in the shop.

Parent support is vital. The Uniform Shop is managed and staffed by volunteers and comes under the direction of the School Council and the principal. We endeavour to keep uniform items as affordable as possible.

Uniform Shop hours

Mondays, 3:00 – 3:30pm

Wednesdays, 8:45 – 9:15am

Plus one day prior to start of new school year.

Please contact office for day and time.