

SCHOOL NO. 4401 - Katandra West Primary School

Policy Statement: ENVIRONMENT

674 - Student Dress Code

Responsibility: Principal, School Council, Parents
& Friends and Staff

This Policy was last ratified by School Council in August 2023



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the Principal.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Katandra West Primary School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Katandra West Primary School's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Katandra West Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Example School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Katandra West Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name

- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice

Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from “The School Uniform Shop” located in Corio St, Shepparton. Uniform items may also be purchased at other retailers and then taken to “The School Uniform Shop” to have the Katandra West Primary School logo embroidered onto the item.

Katandra West Primary School also has a limited number of second-hand uniform items that families can purchase for a gold coin donation. The office can be contacted for further information regarding second-hand uniform items.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools’ Relief. Further information about State Schools’ Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

Katandra West Primary School also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

IMPLEMENTATION

Katandra West Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Katandra West Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Katandra West Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on the school website.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Katandra West Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Katandra West Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Katandra West Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	19 th June 2023
Consultation	School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	June 2026

APPENDIX A: KATANDRA WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform for Katandra West Primary School is compulsory. The “Bell” Logo, while a preferred item for the school uniform, is not compulsory. All uniform items may be purchased or ordered at "The School Uniform Shop", Corio Street, Shepparton, as well as the “Bell Logo” which can be purchased and applied as a transfer or embroidered at this Shop to any navy garment for a small fee.

Girl's Summer Uniform

Blue and White checked gingham dress, buttoned front, OR navy polo shirt, plain navy shorts or skorts. Navy windcheater or polar fleece zip jacket or navy cardigan, school windcheater and navy or white socks.

Girl's Winter Uniform

Navy or white skivvy or polo shirt. Navy windcheater or polar fleece zip jacket or navy jumper or windcheater. Plain navy track pants or navy slacks. Navy or white socks. Navy blue pleated pinafore (available at the Uniform Shop) and navy tights.

Boy's Summer Uniform

Navy polo shirt. Plain navy shorts. Navy windcheater or polar fleece jacket, navy cardigan or school windcheater and navy or white socks.

Boys Winter Uniform

Navy skivvy or navy polo shirt, plain navy blue pants or track pants. Navy windcheater or polar fleece jacket or navy windcheater or navy jumper. Navy or white socks.

Sports Uniform

School polo shirt, and navy shorts. Girls may wear netball nicks for athletic sports. Runners and navy or white socks.

Shoes

Shoes are an important safety item for children attending Primary School, students must wear enclosed shoes. Sneakers or black school shoes are acceptable footwear.

Puffer Jacket

A navy blue puffer jacket, with school logo, is available from “The School Uniform Shop”. This jacket is an optional extra that can be worn outside during the colder months.

Please Note: Refer to Sunsmart Policy regarding hats.