

Dress Code Policy

Introduction

Redwood Park Governing School Council has endorsed a school dress code policy which all students are expected to follow. The benefits of the dress code policy are:

- To create a sense of equity for all the students.
- To reduce “social pressure” to follow fashion trends.
- To give the school a unique identity.
- To promote pride and belonging in the school community.
- To provide practical clothes for a wide range of physical activities and weather conditions.
- To ensure students observe health, safety and appropriate dress standards.
- To help protect students by making them identifiable as members of our school community.

Dress Code Requirement/ Regulations

Education Regulation 77 on dress code (July 2007) provides as follows:

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

(“Admin Instructions and Guidelines”, Section 3, Student Matters, Paragraph 95).

Exemptions

As outlined in departmental guidelines, parents may apply for exemption from our Dress Code policy by written request to the Principal based on the following grounds:

- Religious
- Cultural or ethnic
- Itinerant student
- Financial hardship
- Genuine medical or family sickness reasons

Acceptable Dress Code

Redwood Park School colours are RED, EMERALD GREEN AND BLACK.

TOPS: Available only at the school uniform shop.

A SHORT sleeve POLO for Reception to Year 5 students

A SHORT sleeve YEAR 6 COMMEMORATIVE top

A LONG sleeve POLO top

A FLEECEY panelled **Jumper** or zip front panelled **Jacket** with side pockets.

These garments have our school logo on the top left shoulder area. An identifiable garment must be worn at all times.

Black only long sleeve tops can be worn under our green school polo.

NB: SAPSASA District Sport Jumpers can only be worn for the term in which the sport has been run i.e. SAPSASA District Netball Carnival run in Term 2—jumper can only be worn in Term 2.

BOTTOMS:

Plain BLACK is the only acceptable colour at our school. Track pants, girls’ straight leg pants, shorts, fleecy track pants

are desirable and can be purchased at your choice of retail outlet.

Although not encouraged, plain black leggings with a long polo top may be worn instead of straight or bootleg pants.

A green and white check dress available from Target or Big W is also a Governing Council approved option.

The dress needs to be knee length, and **bike shorts** only are an appropriate garment to be worn underneath.

Year 5 Students are given the privilege to choose a design and wear a special commemorative school jumper in the school dress code colours for year 6.

Inappropriate Clothing

The following clothing is deemed inappropriate to wear to school:

Blue denim jeans, tank tops, short tight shorts or short skirts, clothing carrying large and or offensive graphics or branding, wording or logos, piping on trousers/track pants and clothing that allows bare shoulders. Leggings are not be worn under dresses, skorts or shorts. No long stripy socks.

Accessories, Footwear and Jewellery and hair

Shoes must be safe and sensible. We recommend enclosed shoes, preferably school shoes, runners or sandals with a secure ankle strap that allows for safe daily fitness/ P.E. activities.

Thongs or other slip on footwear (without a secure ankle strap), chunky platform, canvas shoes or heels are not appropriate considering the terrain of our school grounds.

For safety reasons jewellery should be kept to a minimum. A watch and sleepers/stud earrings are acceptable. Dangly earrings, facial and body piercings (except earrings), neck laces, bracelets, make-up, artificial nails and **nail polish are not permitted**. We recommend for health reasons that long hair be tied back.

Hair

Students are permitted to colour their hair only for specific school events, such as Sports Day. At all other times, hair colour will remain a natural colour.

Hat Policy

Our school Hat policy is “NO HAT – NO PLAY”.

In line with our “Sun Safe Policy” all students must wear a school hat. Our school hat is RED, with REDWOOD PARK embroidered on the front and is ONLY available at our uniform shop. If a hat is lost/worn out/torn, a new one must be purchased from the uniform shop. Hats are to be free of writing. Students who write over hats will need to purchase a new one. Students’ names or initials must be written on the inside of their hat.

Casual Days/Sports Day

On casual dress days and Sports Day, students are permitted to wear non-uniform clothing. Clothing and shoes worn on these days must be appropriate for school, learning and play. High heeled shoes and thongs are not permitted. Singlet tops and clothes that do not cover shoulders and **very short** skirts or shorts must not be worn. Clothing with offensive slogans or images is not appropriate for school wear. The hat and jewellery policy applies during these days.

Compliance Obligations.

Any student not adhering to our school dress code will be spoken to by a staff member and encouraged to observe the policy. If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact the front office on 8263 8333 to arrange a suitable time to meet the Principal, Deputy or Assistant Principal regarding any issues.