



# Chelsea Heights Primary School *Together we learn*

## Student Dress Code



### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact our office:  
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### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Chelsea Heights 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 Chelsea Heights 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 Chelsea Heights 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

#### General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Chelsea Heights 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.

Chelsea Heights Primary School’s compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

**Main Attire**

Any one of the following combinations can be worn. The choice of uniform combination is up to the parent/student’s discretion based on the practicalities of the weather, rather than at certain times of the year.

<b>Combination 1</b>	<b>Combination 2</b>	<b>Combination 3</b>
Red Gingham School Dress (small check) White or Black Socks Plain Black Shoes  No stockings, tights or pants *Black Bike Shorts can be worn	Black Shorts  Red Polo Shirt with School Logo White or Black Socks Plain Black Shoes	Black Skirt or Skort  Red Polo Shirt with School Logo White or Black Socks Black footed tights/Black Leggings can be worn with this combination Plain Black Shoes
<b>Combination 4</b>	<b>Combination 5</b>	<b>Combination 6 (Level 6 Only)</b>
Black long pants NO LEGGINGS Red Polo Shirt with School Logo Black or White Socks Plain Black Shoes	Black/Red Check Pinafore/Skirt Red Polo Shirt with School Logo Plain Black footed tights/ Leggings & white or black socks. Plain Black Shoes	Black Shorts or Skort or Long black pants or Red Check Pinafore/Skirt  Level 6 Polo Shirt Level 6 Rugby Jumper  White or Black Socks Plain Black Shoes

\*School Bomber Jacket can be worn with all combinations.  
There are to be no other visible items of clothing worn under any combination.  
Please note: Bike Shorts and/or Leggings can not be worn on their own.

**Footwear**

Shoes MUST be plain Black: either leather shoes, T-Bars, sneakers, or runners.  
Socks must be plain black or white.

**Headwear**

Appropriate hats (full, broadbrim) will be red with the school logo and will be worn in accordance with the Chelsea Heights Primary School’s SunSmart Policy.  
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.  
In winter only school beanies are permitted.  
Hats and Beanies are not to be worn inside.

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

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.

### **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.

Make up may not be worn at school. Nail polish is permitted, however no false nails.

## **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

Uniform items can be purchased directly from State Schools' Relief:

1/18 Johnston Court

Dandenong South

VIC 3175

Between 8:30am – 4:30pm Monday to Friday (Closed Weekends and Public Holidays)

Or alternatively can be purchased online:

<https://ssr-online-store.myshopify.com/collections/chelsea-heights-primary-school>

Chelsea Heights Primary School Parents & Friends Group also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. This is located in the PFA Shed near the Back Basketball Court. Please refer to the Weekly Bulletin for opening hours.

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty.**

Please contact the Office 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/>

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

Chelsea Heights Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and Weekly Bulletin at various times throughout the year. 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 Chelsea Heights 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 in writing 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

Chelsea Heights 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 our 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
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Chelsea Heights Primary School SunSmart Policy
- Chelsea Heights Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Chelsea Heights 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

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