

Students at Playford Primary School wear their school uniform proudly and present a positive image to the local community.

This policy explains the dress code which all students are expected to follow. It has been developed in conjunction with students, staff and Governing Council.

Why does Playford Primary have a school uniform?

Almost all schools in South Australia have a school uniform policy. **The key reasons for having uniform clothing items are:**

- The ready identification of students by staff (for student safety, differentiating students from outsiders that may enter the school grounds).
- The need to further project a positive image of the school in the community and for excursions.
- The widely acknowledged view that uniform clothing items are the most economical form of school attire.
- Stops competition between students involving name brand clothing.
- It allows all students to learn in a safe, non – threatening environment without daily pressure from peer fashion.
- It encourages a pride within the school that involves all students.
- Allow students to access all aspects of the curriculum.

School uniform purchases

Uniform can be purchased from the Payments Window during opening times. Items of uniform can be ordered via the Front Office using our secure Payment Slot any day during school hours. Most items are kept in stock. Orders, with payment, are generally filled the same day and sent to class at the end of the school day.

EFTPOS is available. Price lists and order forms are available from the Front Office, specifying all styles. Families in genuine financial difficulty can contact the Principal for assistance.

When uniform items are no longer required and are in good condition, they may be advertised on the community pin up board.

All students are expected to wear a school uniform (dress code) at all times.

Uniform Options

- Royal blue polo shirt
- Navy shorts
- Navy skirt/skort
- Navy track pants
- Approved summer dress (see website for pattern/colour)
- Navy school hat
- Navy leggings under dress
- Royal blue fleecy jacket
- Royal blue fleecy jumper

All students are expected to wear the school hat at all times while outside.

Year six students will have the opportunity to purchase a school designed and approved commemorative senior jumper, to be worn in their senior year only.

It is advisable for parents/caregivers to clearly label all uniform items with their child's name.

Our school sells a range of school uniform items.

- Royal Blue Polo Shirt with the school logo
- Royal Blue Full zip or 1/4 zip Fleecy Jumpers
- Navy Shorts & Skorts
- Summer Dress
- Navy Fleecy Pants & Summer Tracksuit Pants
- Navy Hat

Our main aim is to ensure that all students wear a uniform that makes them readily identifiable as a Playford Primary School student. We ask any student coming to school in a non-uniform item to report to Student Services



Acceptable accessories

- Piercings: Ears - Stud or sleepers only. For safety reasons earrings must not be more than 2cm in diameter. Nose – Stud only, to eliminate it catching.
- One single strand necklace that has no large hanging pendant etc. This means no chunky chains or fashion accessories (chains must be easily breakable, to prevent strangulation)
- Watch.
- One signet or band ring, one bracelet.
- Clear/nude nail polish.
- Hair clips, ribbons that do not interfere with the wearing of the school hat.
- Jewellery cannot be worn if deemed unsafe whilst involved in any sporting activities and students may be asked to remove them for other school activities.

Unacceptable clothing and accessories

Unacceptable dress includes:

- Clothing not in school colours as outlined in this policy. Coloured parkers/outdoor jackets may be worn during playtime only.
- Clothing with hoods, advertising slogans, insignias or derogatory comments.
- Jeans or bike shorts.
- Clothing which is not sun smart, including low cut, singlet and strappy tops.
- Inappropriate, unsafe footwear including thongs/crocs, ugg boots, platform and high heels.
- School hats with brims cut out or with graffiti.
- Clothing in a poor state of repair.
- Royal Blue skivvies are only to be worn under jumpers or long sleeve polo shirts.
- Wearing of make-up and coloured nail polish.
- Dresses/Shorts/Skirts that are shorter than the middle finger of a student's hand when by their side.

Special Days

Sports Day:

Students wear sports outfits and add decorations to show their team loyalty. On this day students are allowed to come to school with their hair coloured in their team colour. This may however only be spray on colour that can be washed out that evening. Hats must be worn. Sprays cannot be brought to school.

Other Special Days:

Every now and then the school will announce a special day like "Loud Shirt Day" or a casual day to raise funds for the school or a charity. Students

coming in non-uniform must conform with safety requirements as outlined in this policy. For example, sun smart and jewellery safety requirements will need to be followed.

Excursions:

Full school uniform unless written notification is sent home from the school outlining other arrangements have been made.

Each breach of policy will be treated individually and confidentially

- Consequences will be negotiated and we strive to be consistent and fair.
- Parents/caregivers will be notified if inappropriate clothing is worn and be requested to provide suitable clothing.
- Students will be asked to remove non uniform jewellery and collect it from the office at the end of the day.
- Where there is a repeated problem the school may require one of the second hand uniforms to be worn for the day.

Should a student be unable to wear their uniform for a day, communication with a reasonable excuse must be presented to the school.

Exemptions

The State Government is fully supportive of uniform policies being established in primary schools, but provides exemptions on the following grounds:

- Genuine religious, cultural or ethnic needs.
- Genuine financial, medical or family sickness reasons.

In all situations, parent/caregivers can only gain exemption through approval from the Principal after written request. This policy describes the way we expect students to dress when they come to Playford Primary School. It can never contain every item and state 'yes' or 'no' to its wearing.

We expect to be asked should you be unable to interpret our meaning in regard to a specific item that has become fashionable or we have not mentioned.

Our students look good constantly, and visitors to our school commend us on our students. We thank each family for the cooperation we receive.