

DRESS CODE @ Collier Primary School

Rationale:

The Collier Primary School Council, in consultation with students, parents/carers and staff has established a dress code for all students attending Collier Primary School.

The School Council determines the dress requirements for the school – that is, the standards of what is acceptable clothing to be worn by students, including headwear, footwear and other aspects of personal presentation. The following dress code is outlined for Primary years PP – 6. Kindergarten students are encouraged to support this policy, but it is not compulsory.

The dress code is established by the School Council of Collier Primary School to promote a positive, safe and healthy learning environment for the students.

The School Council:

- reviews regularly the dress requirements and makes changes as needed
- ensures the Collier Primary School Dress Code complies with all relevant policy statements and associated legislative documents and
- determines procedures for exemptions that applies to the Department of Education and Training.

The School Council believes a school dress code:

fosters and enhances the public image of the school

- assists in building school spirit and a sense of identity
- enhances the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- increases personal safety of students by allowing easier identification in school playground and on excursions
- keeps the cost of school outfits at a reasonable level for parents/carers
- encourages equity among students
- prepares students for work, as many work places have dress and safety codes and
- complies with all legislation, authority documents and those policies associated with the Department of Education
- School uniforms must be labelled

Principles considered for dress requirements of students included:

to be attractive, presentable and of good quality

- to meet local circumstances and weather conditions
- cater for the needs of all students and incorporate inclusive practices for gender identity, cultural diversity, religious beliefs and health needs of students
- promote health and safety (e.g. hats for sun protection, avoid long cords)
- safe footwear and minimal jewellery
- include items that are affordable, durable, available, comfortable and made from fabrics that are easy to care and;
- complies with relative policies and documents related to the Department of Education

Denim is not an appropriate part of the dress requirements for students

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DRESS CODE REQUIREMENTS FOR COLLIER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Acceptable Uniform Items Include:

SCHOOL BRANDED ITEMS

- short sleeve school branded polo top
- long sleeve school branded polo top
- short sleeved school branded polo top (faction coloured)
- zip fronted school branded zip jacket
- school branded legionnaire's hat
- school branded microfibre bucket hat
- school branded school backpack (optional)
- school branded library bag (optional)

NON SCHOOL BRANDED ITEMS

- bottle green track pants
- bottle green cargo long pants
- bottle green bootleg pants
- bottle green plain shorts
- bottle green cargo shorts
- bottle green skorts
- Bottle green checkered gingham school dress

General information

- wide brimmed and legionnaires hats, are compulsory throughout the whole school year
- parents are encouraged to apply sunscreen to their children before school and to provide their child with personal sunscreen for reapplication throughout the day
- a cycle helmet as required by law for those cycling, skateboarding and scootering to and from the school.
- shoulder length hair and longer to be tied up and clear of the face
- makeup is not permitted
- a single necklace tucked under the school shirt is allowed but the school accepts no responsibility for lost items
- Bracelets, bangles and rings are not permitted
- single pierced ears are allowed; with one or both ears being pierced once

Availability of dress code items:

a school branded shirt is expected to be purchased from the school uniform shop; however, bottle green bottoms can be purchased through the school uniform shop or at a department store of your choice

- second hand uniforms available from school uniform store.
- students whose families experience financial difficulties regarding the purchase of a uniform may contact administration to discuss the situation. This will be treated confidentially

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Encouraging students to comply with dress requirements:

- displaying the school uniform in a prominent place, e.g. the web page, Facebook, uniform shop, promotional days to welcome new families.

Expectation for school events/excursions/school representation:

- full school uniform will be worn

Students not following the dress code

All students are expected to meet the school dress requirements unless an exemption is granted.

The Principal may provide an exemption on any of the following grounds:

- an item is unavailable
- a student health matter
- the religious beliefs of a student
- the cultural background of a student
- and any other matter which, in the principal's opinion is sufficient to exempt the student

For students and their families that don't comply the following action will be taken:

- discussion with Principal/Deputy Principal;
- consider assistance/support/second hand uniforms if necessary

If a matter cannot be resolved and provided it is not a financial reason, the Principal may apply sanctions as prescribed in the School Education Regulations 2000.

Students not following the dress code may be prevented from attending activities in which they would be representing the school or which the Principal believes are not part of the educational program, which could include excursions, choir performances, sporting and social events.

For further information, refer to Department of Education and Training's documents

"Dress requirements for students in WA public schools."

Policy on "Dress requirements for students in public schools."