



Derrinallum P-12 College

STUDENT DRESS CODE



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the General Office.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Derrinallum P-12 College'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 Derrinallum P-12 College'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 Derrinallum P-12 College'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. Exceptions may be made for approved school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The student dress code, including details of the uniform and places of purchase, will be published in the school diary each year. The full list of Derrinallum P-12 College'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, Derrinallum P-12 College's students will 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 and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Other than foundation, cosmetics may not be worn at school.

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.

For primary school students school uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August to late 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. As we are a P-12 College, we expect secondary students to take responsibility for being sun smart by wearing a school hat during outdoor activities or staying in the shade, if they are not wearing sunscreen.

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.

Hats, sunglasses and winter jackets are not to be worn inside.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Please note:

Uniform items can be purchased from Sandra Torney in the general office at school. The purchase of the approved uniform is not limited to designated suppliers. Parents are able to shop for the best price as long as it complies with the uniform guidelines.

At times Derrinallum P-12 College will have second-hand uniform available. The school will inform parents who enquire about uniform if there is some in stock.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Business Manager 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

Derrinallum P-12 College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, newsletter and student diary. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Follow up for students wearing non-compliant uniform items will align with the Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy. Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

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 homeroom 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 Derrinallum P-12 College 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.

STUDENT FREE DRESS DAYS

To minimise the stress on families there will be a limit of two free dress days a term and these must be approved by the principal. Should the student body be using a free dress day to raise money no more than a gold coin donation will be charged. Free dress days will not be compulsory.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Derrinallum P-12 College 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 from 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
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- 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

- Derrinallum P-12 College's Sunsmart Policy
- Derrinallum P-12 College's Parent Complaint Policy

- Derrinallum P-12 College’s 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	1 December 2022
Consultation	Student Representative Group Parent/carers School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	November 2023

APPENDIX A: DERRINALLUM P-12 COLLEGE UNIFORM ITEMS

Summer (Terms 1 & 4)	Winter (Term 2 & 3)
Gold polo shirt- short or long sleeve Bottle green hooded jumper	
Green check school dress Black Shorts Black skort	Black trousers (not jeans or leggings) Kilt
White socks	White socks Black tights
Black shoes- buckle up, lace up or Velcro Black elastic sided boots	

Sports Uniform

- Black sport shorts
- Black track pants/leggings
- Gold P.E top with logo
- Sports shoes
- Green hooded jumper
- Sports jacket (loaned from College when representing the school)

Other items

- CTTC t-shirt (required item for VET students)
- Green soft shell jacket
- Green jacket
- VCE/VCAL Jumper (only available for Year 11 and 12)
- Wide Brimmed or Bucket School hat
- Peak school cap (7-12 only)
- School bag