

# ROLLINS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Rollins 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 Rollins 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 Rollins 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:**

The full list of Rollins Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available at the end of this policy (Appendix A)

## **General appearance**

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Rollins 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.
- Skorts, skirts and shorts must be at mid-thigh level at a minimum

## **Jewellery and cosmetics**

The following items are not permitted:

1. Earrings other than sleepers or studs
2. Nail Polish or fake nails. Fingernails should be short as long nails are dangerous in games in sporting activities
3. Makeup
4. Hair Attachments
5. Hair colour – coloured hair that attracts unnecessary attention.
6. Large pieces of jewellery (neck and wrist) – small items, provided it isn't likely to catch on clothing or other people, are permitted. If 'large' items are worn for religious or cultural reasons, the item must be worn 'under' clothing so there is no danger of the item becoming a safety issue.
7. Open-toed sandals or shoes.

## **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.

School uniform hats must be worn outside during Term 1, Term 4, 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.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

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.

## **Purchase of uniforms**

Uniform items can be purchased from DCS Uniforms online store [www.dcsuniforms.com.au](http://www.dcsuniforms.com.au)

Uniforms will be delivered free to Rollins PS once a week or home delivery can be arranged at a cost.

## **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Principal 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/>

Rollins Primary School also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

## **Implementation**

Rollins Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and newsletter. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

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 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 Rollins 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 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.

## **Concerns about this student dress code**

Rollins 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](#).

## **Further information and resources**

- Rollins Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Rollins Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Rollins 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**

Policy last reviewed	July 2023
Consultation	[Consultation on this policy is mandatory. Please insert date/s and who you consulted with e.g. student representative groups, parent groups, school council]
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	July 2027

This policy will be reviewed as part of the Rollins Primary School Review Cycle.

**This Policy was ratified by School Council on**

**Date:** \_\_\_/\_\_\_/20\_\_

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(School Principal)

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX A: ROLLINS PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM**  
**ALL ITEMS TO BE PURCHASED FROM DCS UNIFORMS**

**Jumper or Vest**

Windcheater or Hoodie with RPS Logo – navy blue (Grade 6 students can wear their 'Class of' hoodies)  
Winter Shell Jacket with RPS Logo

**Polo shirts**

Red long or short sleeved with RPS Logo

**Footwear**

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Summer sandals with covered toes, black school shoes or pull-on school boots or runners are permitted. **No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.**

**Headwear**

Navy blue, black or red head bands, hair ribbons, "scrunchies" or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

**Dresses/Skirts/Shorts**

Summer Dress – RPS school dress only  
Winter Dress Tunic – RPS tunic only  
Winter Skort RPS red/navy only

**Shorts/Pants**

Navy blue shorts – school logo only (no decoration or brand name)  
Navy blue track pants (no decoration or brand name)

Bike shorts only **on special sport events**, (not part of everyday uniform)

**Hats**

Navy Logo broad brimmed/bucket hat (no hat, no play policy) – required in Terms 1 and 4  
Navy Logo blue broad brimmed/bucket hat or are optional in Terms 2 and 3  
Navy Beanie RPS logo only

**Sunglasses**

Sunglasses are encouraged during Terms 1 and 4 for SunSmart purposes.