



PARINGA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY

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The Paringa Park Governing Council endorses our School Dress Code Policy which will support students, teachers and families in the following ways. It will

- *Enable the students to develop a sense of identity, belonging and pride in their School.*
- *Encourage the selection of clothing that supports active participation in all School activities.*
- *Diffuse a competitive/harassing environment where students are labelled according to clothing/fashion.*
- *Provide an aspect of safety whereby students are more easily recognisable both within School and out of School activities.*

The Dress Code requires students to wear clothes in school colours, as listed under acceptable clothing outlined below, unless parents have applied in writing to the School Principals for exemption, stating their reason. Examples of reasons are listed below.

In applying the Dress Code Policy Paringa Park Primary School will be sensitive to students, their cultural values, background and economic circumstances.

If a student is unable to wear the Dress Code on a particular day because of exceptional circumstances (eg clothing being repaired) the following action is required:

- *an exemption note should be sent to the class teacher from the parent stating the reason*
- *if no note is received and the class teacher is unsatisfied with the compliance level, a note will be sent home in the diary.*
- *if no reply is received from home and the student is still not wearing the dress code, Leadership will continue management as necessary*

The Paringa Park Primary School colours are navy blue, bottle green and gold. Garments purchased from the school will be in school colours. The overall look of the dress code is bottle green tops with navy blue bottoms.

Acceptable Clothing Styles and Accessories

- polo shirt – plain green or navy/green/gold stripe (special order)
- skivvy - plain bottle green
- windcheater/polar fleece - plain bottle green
- identified Senior School student windcheater
- warm up jacket – plain bottle green with gold stripe
- warm up track pants - navy blue with gold stripe
- pants – navy blue cargo, bootlegs
- shorts - navy blue cargo, unisex, basketball
- skort – navy blue or summer material
- skirt -school winter material
- school dress - green and white check, navy, gold and green check
- pinafore -school winter material
- hat – school hats – bottle green bucket
- wrist watch
- sunsafe sunglasses (outside only)
- school shoes / sport shoes / sandals with laces, buckles or velcro closures
- scarf / gloves - navy blue, gold or green
- socks in neutral or matching colours e.g. white, grey black, navy, green

Unacceptable Clothing Styles or Accessories are those which are deemed by Leadership and staff to be inappropriate in terms of safety, suitability for school activities and exposure to the sun. For example tank tops or shoe string straps; ugg boots, thongs, fashion sandals, tabs of any colour, non-school logos, leggings, slip on or backless shoes; fashion jewellery and accessories and make up.

Hats

Paringa Park Primary School Sunsmart Policy identifies required school uniform bottle green hats (green broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaire style only), and includes a "No Hat, No Play" Policy. Students are required to wear school hats outside from September 1st until May 1st. Common sense should prevail for the remainder of the year.

Hair

Students with long hair are encouraged to wear it tied back for health and safety reasons.

On Enrolment to School

On enrolment to Paringa Park Primary School, parents/care givers and students will be given a copy of the Dress Code Policy and uniform order form as part of the information package.

Options for Purchase

1. School dress code items can be purchased on Friday mornings from 8:30am.
2. Order forms are available from the Front Office. Orders will be filled Friday mornings if items are in stock.
3. Orders are placed twice a term for items which are not in stock at the end of Weeks 3 and 7.
4. Items which comply with the School Dress Code may be purchased outside the School.

Exemption

The Principal may exempt students from the Dress Code upon direct communication from the parent. This information will be provided to parents through the Parent Handbook on enrolment at the school.

Examples of grounds which parents may seek exemption are:

- Religious
- Cultural or Ethnic
- New Students (time to purchase, wear previous uniform)
- Itinerant students
- Financial hardship
- Any other additional grounds as the Governing Council may determine

Monitoring

Ongoing monitoring will be conducted by classroom teachers. Students who do not comply will be sent to the Principal who will put a note in the student's diary to be signed by the parent/caregiver and a copy of the current school dress code will be enclosed.

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