

Student Dress Code Policy

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

Purpose

- To eliminate competitiveness in dressing and reduce the costs to parents for school clothing
- To help promote our students' sense of belonging and pride in our school
- To encourage student self-discipline and preparation for the future - as dress and safety codes apply to most occupations and social activities
- To encourage equity among students by reducing peer pressure
- To support safety procedures regarding the identification of students during activities outside the school (e.g. excursions, sports, etc.)
- To further promote a positive image of our school - particularly when our students are representing our school in the community

Implementation

- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items, will be provided in the school information pack at the start of each year. It can also be found either at the School Office or downloaded from our website at www.sevilleps.vic.edu.au.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Students on school excursions or when representing our school in the community must wear a top bearing the School logo.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery at Seville Primary School.
- Extreme hair colours (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: Mohawks) are not permitted - except for "Go Victory".
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- We are a SunSmart school. All children are expected to wear a school hat (Bucket/slouch – dark blue) when outside during Term 1 and 4. Our NO HAT, NO PLAY rule applies during Term 1 and 4. Hats are available from our Uniform Shop. school beanies in the appropriate terms. Headbands must be in school colours. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Appropriate footwear is required at all times. This includes school shoes/boots or runners, or fitted sandals with low heels and back straps. High/platform heeled footwear and thongs are not permitted.
- A Uniform Coordinator will operate a new uniform store for parents. (Second-hand uniforms are also available). A uniform order form is available from either the School Office or downloaded from our website at www.sevilleps.vic.edu.au.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- In the event of circumstances where a uniform is not available, a note must be written by parents and the alternative clothing to be as close to uniform colour as possible.

- Exemptions to this policy include:
 - Special dress up days
 - School house sport days children may wear house colours.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal for consideration.
- Year six students may purchase and wear, as part of their uniform, a Year 6 T-shirt or Bomber Jacket, which will be available by ordering early in the school year.
- Students new to the school will be allowed three weeks in which to comply with the Student Dress Code.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle

This policy was ratified by School Council in 2017.

This policy will be reviewed by School Council in 2020.