

DRESS CODE POLICY

CREEKSIDE K-9 COLLEGE



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Purpose

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline the Creekside K-9 College 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 Creekside K-9 College 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
- encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Creekside K-9 College 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.

Parents/Guardians are expected to provide a written explanation to the class teacher on days when their child/children are not wearing school uniform, including the date their child/children will be back in uniform.

Uniform and appearance

Creekside K-9 College compulsory school uniform items are as follows:



Summer Uniform (Term 1 and Term 4)		
	Prep to Year 6	Year 7-9
Girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summer dress with piping ○ Pullover ○ Polo shirt ○ Sport short ○ Rugby top ○ White, grey, navy or black socks (no logos) ○ School approved navy hat ○ P-2 black leather school shoe with a heel (refer to picture) or black sport shoes <p><i>*sport shoes of any other colour can be worn on the day students have PE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3-6 black leather school shoe with a heel (refer to picture). Sport shoes can be worn on the day students have PE. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summer dress with piping ○ Pullover ○ White, grey, navy or black socks (no logos) ○ School approved navy hat (optional) ○ Summer grey short ○ Short sleeved shirt ○ Black leather school shoe with a heel (refer to picture)
Boys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Polo shirt ○ Sport short ○ Pullover ○ Rugby top ○ White, Grey Navy blue socks (no logos) ○ School approved navy hat ○ P-2 black leather school shoe with a heel (refer to picture) or black sport shoes <p><i>*sport shoes of any other colour can be worn on the day students have PE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 3-6 black leather school shoe with a heel (refer to picture). Sport shoes can be worn on the day students have PE. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grey summer short ○ Short sleeved shirt ○ Pullover ○ White, grey, navy or black socks (no logos) ○ School approved navy hat (optional) ○ Black leather school shoe with a heel (refer to picture).

Winter Uniform (Term 2 and Term 3)		
	Prep to Year 6	Year 7-9
Girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter pinafore or skirt Blue long sleeved shirt Pullover Windcheater Navy track pant Polo shirt Rugby top White, grey, or black socks (no logos) Black/Navy stocking Academic Jacket Scarf (plain black or navy) P-2 black leather school shoe with a heel (refer to picture) or black sport shoes <p><i>*sport shoes of any other colour can be worn on the day students have PE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-6 black leather school shoes with a heel (refer to picture). Sport shoes can be worn on the day students have PE. Creekside Scarf Creekside Beanie 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter skirt Blue long sleeved shirt Pullover School tie Grey trouser Academic Jacket White, grey, or black socks (no logos) Black/Navy stocking Black leather school shoe with a heel (refer to picture). Scarf (Creekside Logo) Beanie (Creekside Logo)
Boys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pullover Long sleeve blue shirt Polo shirt Windcheater Rugby top Academic jacket Track pant White, grey, or black socks (no logo) Scarf (plain black or navy) P-2 black leather school shoe with a heel (refer to picture) or black sport shoes <p><i>*sport shoes of any other colour can be worn on the day students have PE</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-6 black leather school shoe with a heel (refer to picture). Sport shoes can be worn on the day students have PE. Scarf (Creekside Logo) Beanie (Creekside Logo) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long sleeve blue shirt School tie Pullover Grey winter trouser Academic jacket White, grey, or black socks (no logo) Black leather school shoe with a heel (refer to picture). Scarf (Creekside Logo) Beanie (Creekside Logo)

Sport Uniform		
<p><i>P-6 Students to wear the sport uniform on the day they have PE.</i></p> <p><i>7-9 Students are required to change into their PE uniform prior to their class commencing.</i></p> <p><i>Students will change back into their regular school uniform at the end of their PE class.</i></p>		
	Prep to Year 6	Year 7-9
All students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polo shirt Sport shorts or track pants Rugby top White, grey, navy or black socks (no logo) Sport shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polo shirt Sport shorts or track pants Rugby top White, grey, navy or black socks (no logo) Sport shoes

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Creekside K-9 College students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- If students choose to wear a tie, it should be worn neatly covering a fastened top button
- Uniforms must be worn correctly. Eg. No rolling up pants/shirt sleeves.
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are white and completely hidden.
- Dresses and skirts are not to be any shorter than 12cms above the knee.

Jewellery and cosmetics

- Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches (excluding smart watches), are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Cosmetics cannot be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted. No artificial nails are permitted.
- All face piercings must be covered.

Safety

- It is recommended that students with hair at shoulder length or longer, keep their hair tied back to reduce the spread of lice and for student safety
- School uniform hats must be worn outside in Term 1 and 4 (P-6) 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 also a secondary school, we expect 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.
- Hair colouring must be of a natural colour.
- To minimise the risk of back injury to students, it is recommended that parents select school bags that are endorsed by an Australian professional organisation such as the Australian Physiotherapy Association or the Chiropractor's Association of Australia. Navy blue bags are available from our uniform supplier.

Purchase of uniforms

Uniform items can be purchased from Dobsons. <https://dobsons.com.au/schools/creekside-college/sales@dobsons.com.au> or Ph: 8348 5477

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact your child's classroom/home group teacher or Assistant Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs via the State Schools' Relief funding.

Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

Implementation

Creekside K-9 College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and school diary. 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 phone call may be made to the student's parents or guardians by the classroom teacher. Measures taken by Creekside K-9 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. (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.

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

Creekside K-9 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 on the school website.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Discussed in student forums and published in the Year 3-9 student diary
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

Further information and resources

- [Creekside College Sunsmart Policy](#)
- [Creekside College Parent Complaint Policy](#)
- [Creekside College Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

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