

APPLECROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY

The Applecross Primary School community, through the School Board, believes the wearing of a school uniform can play an important part in promoting a positive self-image for the child as well as the school, creating a sense of identity and pride. The Applecross Dress Code has been developed in accordance with the *School Education Act of 1999*. All students wear the full uniform unless the consent of the principal to vary this has been granted. Uniforms can be purchased from Uniform Concepts; examples are readily available on the Uniform Concepts website.

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PURPOSE

1. To foster and enhance the public image of the school.
2. To provide parents and students with a dress code that ensures:
 - a) that the clothing is safe and appropriate for school activities.
 - b) that the clothing is affordable; and
 - c) that clothing complies with the Australian Cancer Council's Sun Smart Policy.
3. To provide appropriate processes for exemption or modifications related to student health, ethnicity, or religion.
4. To assist in building school and team spirit.
5. To promote a sense of identity and pride in the school.
6. To encourage equity and decrease rivalry between students.

PROCEDURES

Observance of the Dress Code is a condition of enrolment at Applecross Primary School. The school will ensure that all procedural fairness is afforded when dealing with issues of exemption and non-compliance. Students who do not wear items purchased from the school's uniform suppliers should ensure that they wear items that match the school colours and do not contain advertising or slogans.

Students who do not follow the uniform policy will receive:

- Encouragement from a designated staff member on the benefits of a uniform policy, and counselling for the student or parent as appropriate.
- Support in obtaining suitable clothing, if necessary.
- An exemption for an agreed length of time for dress modification.
- A phone call or letter to the parents of students not wearing the uniform.
- A meeting with the Principal to discuss repeated instances of not following the uniform policy.

Students who have access to uniforms but are not following the uniform policy may be denied the opportunity to represent their school at official school activities, which includes activities such as formal assemblies, excursions, sporting/social events, choir and camp.



Uniform Requirements

Students are required to wear the school Red and Grey T-shirt with the school logo and the skirt, skort, shorts, or track pants. Students must also wear appropriate footwear as outlined below and a Bucket Hat with their faction colour on the reverse side.

- Red and Grey polo T-shirt with collar and school logo (available only from Nell Gray Uniform Concepts)
- Year 6 'Leavers' Shirt' (Only for Year 6 Students, available from Nell Gray Uniform Concepts)
- Red and Grey school jacket with school logo (available only from Nell Gray Uniform Concepts)
- Grey Trackpants (available only from Nell Gray Uniform Concepts)
- Faction T-shirt (Blue, Gold, Red and Green) with collar and school logo, to be worn at carnivals and interschool events, unless advised otherwise by the Sport teacher (available only from Nell Gray Uniform Concepts)
- Bucket hat with faction colours on the reverse side with school logo (available only from Nell Gray Uniform Concepts)
- PP to Year 6 to wear full school uniform.
- Kindy students wear faction T-shirts.
- Appropriate footwear suitable for vigorous activity.
- School leaders to wear leader's badges.
- Choir Uniform to consist of choir shirt (unless advised otherwise by the music teacher).

Sport

- Children are expected to wear their coloured faction shirts for sport activities and on faction day occasions. Enclosed shoes, such as sneakers/runners, must be worn for Physical Education.
- Interschool t-shirts are worn when representing the school at interschool/ state events (physical education teacher will advise students of uniform requirements).

Hats

- Bucket hats with faction colours on the reverse side with school logo (available only from Uniform Concepts). Hats are to be worn all year round. **Sun smart:** Wearing hats and sunscreen outdoors is common sense in our sunny climate. The school implements a **No Hat, No Play policy**.

School Bags

- These are available from Uniform Concepts but are not compulsory.
- A suitable size bag should fit drink bottle, lunch bag, spare clothes, and school supplies.

Footwear

- Appropriate footwear to be worn at all times - preferred footwear being runners, sneakers, closed shoes. Safety is important.
- Students will be encouraged to wear plain socks. Longer socks (under the knee), with no inappropriate words or accessories. When representing the school, students will be instructed by the lead teacher on appropriate attire.

Jewellery

- For safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn to school. Exclusions may include ear studs, sleepers, and watches.

Hair

- Students must ensure that their hair does not create a health or safety risk. Students with long hair (shoulder length) are required to tie their hair back at all times with plain hair ties in school colours. Long hair is a safety issue in sport and science. This also assists in preventing the transfer of nits and ensures students can see their work.

Excursions

- When students attend an excursion they are to wear the school uniform outlined above to assist with identification and safety.

Financial Difficulties

- Families experiencing financial difficulties regarding the purchase of a uniform should speak to the school office.

Leavers Shirts

- Design by Jade McGuire with input from students and staff.
- Noted / endorsed by school board - licence/permission to use artwork for 5 years (2024-2028).
- Encourages student voice.

Modifications

- The grounds for exemption or modification of the dress code relate to student health, ethnicity and/or religion.
- Parents wanting to apply for an exemption or modification should outline their request in writing.
- Staff will be informed of students granted an exemption/ modification of the dress code.

Positive Incentives

- A positive approach will be maintained with children encouraged to comply with the dress code through incentives such as special activities and free dress days.

Enrolment

- Parents and students will be informed of this Applecross Primary School Uniform Policy at the time of enrolment. Acceptance of enrolment at Applecross Primary assumes agreement between the school, parent/guardian and student that the student will dress within the guidelines of the dress code.

Lost Property

- All items of clothing are to be clearly labelled with the student's full name as this enables found items to be returned to their owner. Lost Property is located in the breezeway close to Room 14 and 15. Students are encouraged to check the baskets for lost items. Found items can be displayed in undercover area on scheduled assembly days.

Exemptions

An application for exemption and any exemption granted may apply to individuals, all students at the school, or to all students in a specific category. Where an exemption applies, students should still be neat and dressed in accordance with other provisions in the school's Uniform Policy.

Under Regulation 35(2) of the School Education Regulations 2000, the principal may provide an exemption on any of the following grounds:

- the unavailability of an item.
- a matter relating to the student's health.
- a matter relating to the religious beliefs of the student or the student's family.
- a matter relating to the cultural background of the student or the student's family; or
- any other matter which, in the principal's opinion, is sufficient to exempt the student from complying with the requirement.

Under Regulation 35(4) of the School Education Regulations 2000, the details of an exemption must include:

- each requirement of the Uniform Policy which the student is exempt from complying with.
- the time period for which the exemption has effect.
- the grounds for the exemption; and
- any relevant condition.

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