CERES PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Ceres Primary School.

Rationale

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Ceres 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 Ceres 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 Ceres 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.

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:
Ceres Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

<u>All year round</u>
The following items may be worn all year round, with either the summer or winter uniform:

Jumper or Vest
Navy and sky blue fleece zip up rugby top with school logo
Navy and sky blue bomber jacket with school logo

Rugby Jumper
Commemorative & non commemorative rugby jumpers can be worn all year round and available as a special order during the year.

Polo shirts
Navy and sky blue short sleeved with school logo.

Culottes
Plain navy culottes without decoration or brand name and in winter can be worn with navy blue tights/stockings.

Pants
Plain, navy blue track pants without decoration or brand name.

Bike Shorts
Length to be mid-thighs and visible beneath top.

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Socks or tights/stockings
Navy blue or white socks
Navy blue tights/stockings

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.

School Raincoat (Optional Item)
Navy Blue coat and school logo

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

Year 6 Commemorative Short Sleeve top & Jumper/Jacket (Optional)
Optional item that can be purchased through the a bulk order through the office

Summer Uniform – to be worn in Terms 1 and 4
Dresses
Summer blue and white checked dress

Shorts
Plain navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name

Winter Uniform – to be worn in Term 2 and 3

Tunic
Navy blue and white checked winter tunic with detachable bib

Skivvies
Plain navy skivvy

Scarf (Optional Item)
Navy scarf

Beanie (Optional Item)
Navy beanie

Hats – to be worn from mid-August to 30 April
Navy hard brim slouch hat with logo
Navy micro fibre adjustable hat with logo

Sports uniform
Navy and sky blue short sleeved with school logo.
If there are specific uniform requirements for students participating in specialist sports such as netball, etc. these uniforms are provided by the school for the duration of the sports season.

General appearance

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While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should 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
- Any make up or nail polish is not to be worn

Health and safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) to 30 April 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.

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 directly from Beleza Uniforms [Category: Ceres Primary School - Beleza School Uniforms]

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the Help with school costs and fees page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund, you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

Please contact the Business Manager to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

Implementation

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

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 Ceres 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 acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

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:

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- 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 financial 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

Ceres 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*, 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
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums as required
- Included in staff handbook/Google drive
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

Further Information & Resources

- Ceres Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Ceres Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Ceres 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

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