

Alvie Primary School

UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Alvie Primary School 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 Alvie Primary School, 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 Alvie Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely, appropriately, and comfortably for school activities.
- reduce student competition based on 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.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

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

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| • RED | Shirt/polo |
| • NAVY | Shorts |
| • NAVY | Pants |
| • NAVY | Bomber Jacket/Jumper |
| • NAVY | Broad-Brimmed Hat |
| • YELLOW | Shirt/polo (Interschool sport & cross country) |
| • RED | Short/Skort (Interschool sport & cross country) |
| • "ALVIE" SCHOOL DRESS | Can be worn any time of year for girls |
| • NAVY | Winter Pinafore |

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General appearance

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

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn with the uniform for added warmth.

Hair and Sun safety

Alvie Consolidates Primary School encourages students with shoulder length or longer to have it tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn outside during term 1 & 4 and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this period, by parent or student choice

Hats are not to be worn inside & must not be shared.

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 from the school during school hours, or parents may order it directly from admin staff via phone. Items similar can be purchased from various retail stores as long as they follow the colour code.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Business Manager to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

IMPLEMENTATION

Alvie Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, school application and Student/Parent Handbook. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Alvie Primary School is committed to providing a safe learning environment therefore the uniform Policy is advisory and not mandatory. For any parents/Caregivers having difficulty obtaining uniform for their child/children can contact the Principal, Business Manager and/or Parents and Friends Committee to form a plan of assistance.

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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 in writing 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 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

Alvie 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 [here](#).

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- [Alvie Primary School Sunsmart Policy](#)
- [Alvie Primary School Parent Complaint Policy](#)
- [Alvie 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](#).

REVIEW CYCLE

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council on **28 AUG 2019** and is scheduled for review in **AUG 2023**