

DRESS CODE POLICY

Rossmoyne Primary School

Policy Statement

This policy complies with the WA Department of Education's 'Dress Code for Students in Public Schools' Policy (version 2.4 final) which requires schools to have a dress code for students.

Rationale

Rossmoyne Primary School has a Dress Code, which is based on a uniform in school colours, because we believe that:

- a uniform establishes a sense of pride, belonging, purpose and identity among students;
- a uniform is non-discriminatory and does not distinguish between students from different socio-economic backgrounds;
- a school uniform is exactly that – designed for school where the core purpose is learning;
- a uniform is an investment for parents which reduces the expense of other clothes that parents may have to purchase;
- uniforms stop the daily dilemma of a student trying to decide what's cool to wear to school and turning classrooms into fashion competitions;
- a uniform presents a unified image to the public and can be easily identifiable in the community;
- a uniform creates a perception of a sense of order and discipline in the school environment; and
- a uniform makes it easy for duty teachers to see if any unwelcome visitors are in the school environment.

Definitions

- Dress Code – a document providing standards of what is acceptable in relation to the clothing worn by students at Rossmoyne Primary School including headwear, footwear and aspects of general presentation.
- School Uniform – clothing of a specific colour and/or design worn by students of the school as a means of identification, as specified in the school's dress code.

Dress Code Requirements

Shirts	- green and gold panelled polo shirt (short or long sleeved) - faction coloured polo shirts – red, blue, green or gold – for sport - Year 6 students – gold and green panelled graduation polo shirt
Jackets	- bottle green zip jacket - polar fleece - micro fibre zip jacket
Bottoms	- bottle green mesh knit shorts - bottle green micro fibre skirt with shorts - bottle green microfibre track pant - bottle green school stockings (under shorts or skorts)
Hats	- bottle green wide brimmed hat - a 'no hat, no play' policy operates all year round
Footwear	-shoes and socks should be worn at all times for safety reasons. Sandals and boots are not recommended for physical activity
Jewellery	- to ensure children's safety, jewellery should not be worn except for watches and stud or sleeper earrings. (Medical alert jewellery is accepted.) -jewellery may need to be removed or covered up during some sporting activities

Hair	- for health and safety reasons, shoulder length or longer hair needs to be tied back - reasonable gold and bottle green hair accessories can be worn
Sunscreen	- the wearing of sunscreen is a family decision, but is highly recommended - parents/carers are responsible for teaching their children to apply sunscreen appropriately - sunscreen will be available at events such as carnivals
School Bag	- the Rossmoyne Primary School back pack is preferred

PARENTS/CARERS ARE ASKED TO CLEARLY LABEL ALL ITEMS.

The above dress code requirements may be adjusted when students participate in extra-curricular activities including River Rangers, music performances and interschool sporting events.

River Rangers	- a River Rangers polo shirt and polar fleece jacket will be provided for students to wear to excursions. Jackets need to be returned at the end of the year.
Choir, Orchestra and Band Performances	- black long pants/trousers or leggings and black shoes with black socks - a Music polo shirt and any required accessories may be provided for performances
Interschool Sporting Events	- alternative shirts may be loaned to students to wear when representing the school at interschool events, eg: football, soccer, netball, basketball

In line with the WA Department of Education’s ‘Dress Code for Students in Public Schools Policy’, our school’s Dress Code does not include clothing made from denim.

Expectations and Exemptions

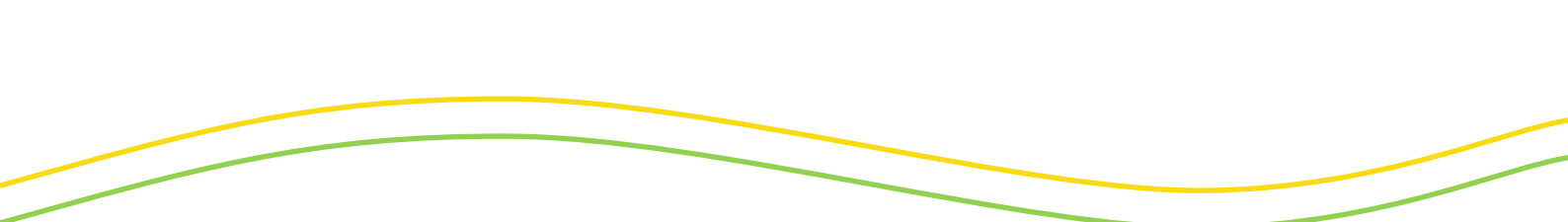
Acceptance of enrolment at Rossmoyne assumes agreement that the enrolling student will comply with the dress code unless an exemption has been granted.

Students are expected to wear the Rossmoyne Primary School uniform at all times unless granted an exemption. Exemptions may be granted on health, disability, religious, and cultural grounds, or for any other matter which in the principal’s opinion is sufficient to exempt the student from complying with the requirement.

Some exemptions may occur during specific curriculum based activities under the direction of teachers, e.g. removal of footwear, removal of hats for some sporting activities.

Non-compliance with the Dress Code

Managing non-compliance with the dress code is a balance between establishing standards, allowing reasonable opportunity for individual self-expression, and accommodating diversity. Support (eg: loaning clothes) and guidance are effective ways of achieving compliance.



The principal will discuss the reasons for non-compliance with the student, and resolve their concerns where possible. The student will be afforded the opportunity to comply. Parents will be contacted, to seek support for the school dress code. A School Dress Advisory Panel may be convened to provide assistance and support with addressing a student's non-compliance with the dress code. The panel is a sub-group of the School Board, including at least one staff member, with the specific role of providing assistance and support in relation to compliance with the dress code.

Sanctions will only apply where all other avenues for achieving compliance are unsuccessful, and where financial reasons are not a contributing factor to non-compliance. Students not in uniform who are attending excursions will be asked to wear a clean uniform provided by the school for the occasion. School representation in non-essential activities may be withdrawn for students not complying with the school dress code.

Changing the Dress Code

The School Board determines the dress code for students, after a comprehensive consultation process has been undertaken with the school community. The dress code must be appropriately respectful of different cultural, religious, ethnic and other special needs groups to ensure the dress code reflects the values and views of the entire school community. The School Board must also ensure compliance with State and federal human rights and anti-discrimination legislation.

Parents/carers must be advised in writing when there are changes to the dress code. Changes can only be introduced after reasonable notification to parents/carers.

This policy was endorsed by staff on 8 June 2021.

This policy was endorsed by the School Board on 14 June 2021.

Next review – 2024.