



## DRESS CODE

**Nuriootpa Primary dress code has been developed in line with the Department for Education (DfE) school dress code and administrative instructions.**

**The Rationale of a dress code according to (DfE) is as follow:**

A school dress code is the documented standard of what's acceptable in relation to the clothing worn by students while attending school. The dress code will describe what the 'school uniform' is for each school. A dress code adopted by a school should, regardless of a student's gender identity, be flexible and allow the right of choice and gender expression. It should include the choice of clothing that considers the following:

- Freedom of movement
- Level of comfort
- Safety
- Climatic conditions
- Other special circumstances (for example pregnancy or disability).

The dress code will list a range of clothing that can be worn by all students that forms the school uniform, including colour or mix and match clothing. To support student diversity, gender expression and freedom of choice the uniform clothing list should be categorised in non-gender specific terms.

Schools are not required to adopt a dress code, but they're encouraged to do so as they play an important role in:

- Promoting a positive image of the school
- Creating a sense of identity among students and the community
- Supporting student safety through ease of identification
- Making sure students are dressed appropriately for all school activities.

**Nuriootpa PS also supports a dress code, which promotes equity and does not distract from the core business of teaching and learning.**

**Accordingly, Nuriootpa Primary School uniform guidelines are as follows:**

Tops are Royal Blue with a yellow school logo. The Year 6 students will have the opportunity to purchase a Seniors T-shirt and windcheater.

- Bottoms are plain navy/black. Shorts can be worn, 3/4 or long pants.
- Long sleeved blue or black tops may be worn under short/long sleeved tops or pinafores.
- School dresses can be worn at any time of the year. If required blue/black tights can be worn underneath.
- Pinafores are also available & can be worn with blue/yellow or white long sleeve tops underneath.
- School hats are to be worn when outside during Terms 1 and 4. These need to be broad brimmed (no less than 7cm wide), bucket hat (school stock) or legionnaire.
- Plain navy/black beanies can be worn outside.

- Shoes must be enclosed at the toe and have a full back or strap if sandals.
- Boots can be worn providing they have adequate grip.

#### **Clothing/Footwear not part of Dress Code:**

- Denim is not to be worn. Singlet tops, hoodies, branded clothing and/or non-school colour clothing.
- Shorts that do not reach mid-thigh should not be worn (unless worn under a dress for that purpose).
- Strapless shoes such as thongs, crocs and sandals with no back. (Thongs can be worn during Aquatics events).
- Gumboots do not provide grip and are to be avoided for safety reasons
- Long decorative socks are not to be worn.

#### **Hair/Accessories/Jewellery**

- Scarves may be worn if they are royal blue or black.
- Sleepers or stud earrings can be worn.
- Scrunchies, ribbons etc used to tie hair up / away from eyes are permitted in keeping with school colours.

#### **Hair/Accessories/Jewellery not part of dress code:**

- Unbreakable chains, bangles, rings, facial body piercing and any hoop or dangly earrings.
- Students are discouraged from having long natural nails & false long nails for safety reasons.
- Nail polish should not be worn at school.
- Hair accessories such as cat ears, large bows and headwear are not to be worn.
- Students are discouraged from bringing excessive 'fad' items to school – scrunchies on arms, friendship bracelets etc.
- Students are discouraged from the excessive use of make-up.

#### **Implementation of Dress Code:**

1. Teachers are asked to observe, and monitor dress code and communicate with families to ensure students are adhering to the policy.
2. When a student is not able to wear uniform for a particular reason, we request that this is communicated via written (diary, communication book) or (dojo) digital means.

#### **The following actions will be implemented for students who consistently fail to comply with the Uniform Policy.**

- A note sent home to parents reminding them of the Dress Code.
- Sit out for students who continue not to wear uniform their process as follows will be:
  1. Teacher note in diary.
  2. Teacher call home to resolve
    - a. Spare clothing provided
    - b. Agreement on timeline for wearing appropriate uniform.
    - c. Arrangement with Finance.
    - d. Office referral to Leadership.

**To make uniforms accessible to all students:**

Uniforms will be sold without a profit margin (i.e. costs will be kept as low as possible)

Second hand uniforms will be available

**According to DfE guidelines the following applies in regard to Exemption from Code:**

The Principal may exempt a student from the school dress code after receiving a written request from a parent of the student. Grounds on which parents may seek exemption include:

- Religious (clothing or adornments, unless the item poses an unacceptable risk to safety).
- Cultural or ethnic.
- New students (time to purchase, wear previous uniform).
- Itinerant and mobile students.
- Financial hardship.
- Genuine medical or family sickness reasons.
- Other additional grounds the Principal may determine.

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