



STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

School Councils must develop and review their student dress code in accordance with the Department's Student Dress Code policy guidance on the Department's Policy and Advisory Library, available at the following link: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-dress-code/policy>

This will include ensuring your student dress code meets human rights and anti-discrimination requirements, includes exemption processes and addresses health and safety considerations. School Councils will also need to ensure they have properly consulted with the school community in developing/reviewing this student dress code. Guidance on consultation processes is available on the Policy and Advisory Library here: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-dress-code/guidance/developing-and-reviewing-dress-codes>



Help for Non-English Speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the Principal on 03 5425 3155 or email Redesdale.mia.mia.ps@educamail.vic.gov.au

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Redesdale Mia Mia 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 Redesdale Mia Mia 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 Redesdale Mia Mia 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.

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

Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available in Appendix A in this policy.

General Appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Redesdale Mia Mia 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.

Jewellery & Cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

Hair & Sun Safety

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

School uniform hats must be worn outside from 1st September (hats remember) 1st May (hats away) 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.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

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 Eduthreads <https://eduthreads.com.au/>

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

Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and UEducateUs. 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 may be required to call home. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

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 either in writing or in person 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 particular 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

Redesdale Mia Mia 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 at <https://www.redesmiaps.vic.edu.au/page/220/Polices-&-Reports>

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Discussed in student forums.
- Included in transition and enrolment packs.
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Redesdale Mia Mia 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

POLICY LAST REVIEWED	12 TH AUGUST 2024
CONSULTATION	SCHOOL COUNCIL/STUDENTS 12 AUGUST 2024
APPROVED BY	SCHOOL COUNCIL
NEXT SCHEDULED REVIEW DATE	AUGUST 2027

APPENDIX A: REDESDALE MIA MIA PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

The following items may be worn all year round:

Jumper or Vest

- Navy windcheater with school logo.
- Navy Bomber Jacket with school logo.
- Navy Rugby Jumper with school logo.

Polo shirts

Navy or light blue long sleeved with school logo.

Navy or light blue short sleeved with school logo.

Skorts

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

Tunic

Navy, green, and white check and in winter can be worn with navy blue tights/stockings.

Dress

Gingham Navy and white check without decoration or brand name and in winter can be worn with navy blue tights/stockings.

Track Pants

Navy double knee track pant.

Shorts

Navy Basic Shorts.

Navy Rugby Knit shorts.

Broad brimmed hat- Navy with school logo **must be worn from 1st September to 1st May.**

Headwear

Navy blue head bands, hair ribbons, “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Hair Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

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 for winter)

Navy Blue coat

Gloves (optional item for winter)

Navy blue polar fleece.