

SERPENTINE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Student Dress Code Policy

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Introduction

The Serpentine Primary School Board has established a dress code for all students attending the school.

This school decision-making group believes a school dress code:

- Fosters and enhances the public image of the school.
- Assists in building school and team spirit.
- Ensures students are safely dressed for specific school activities.
- Encourages equality among students.
- Prepares students for work, as many work places have dress and safety codes.

Advice to students on the dress code

Students should ensure that they take appropriate protection measures when taking part in various school activities such as science, art and physical education, which include the wearing of appropriate shoes and hat when required.

Availability of dress code items

Items in designated school colours may be purchased from the school uniform shop.

Second hand items are also available.

Sports uniforms may be ordered through the uniform shop.

Students whose families may experience financial difficulties regarding the purchase of a uniform should contact the Administration staff to discuss financial support options.

Modification to the dress code

Students who for health or religious reasons may wish to modify the school dress code are required to make an appointment with the Principal. Staff will be informed of any student granted a modification to the dress code.

Students not following the dress code

Students will be expected to observe the school dress code. If students arrive without appropriate uniform, they will be required to change into correct uniform that will be supplied by the school office. These uniform items will be available to loan for one day only. Students will be reminded of dress code expectations and written notification sent home, to be signed by parent and returned to school office. A copy of the uniform policy will accompany this letter.

Subsequent breaches of the dress code will result in:

1. Phone call to parent.
2. Parent meeting with Principal.
3. Loss of good standing (this will include exclusion from excursions, incursions and will affect selection for student leadership).

If students are attending a school excursion and arrive out of uniform, they will be given a clean uniform for the day. This will also apply to school photo day.

Dress Code Requirements

Girls

- Red and black polo shirt with school logo
- Red jacket with school logo
- Black shorts, skorts or skirt (with school logo from 2025)-minimum length mid thigh.
Bike shorts are not acceptable.
- Black pants or tracksuit pants (with school logo from 2025)
Leggings or tights are not acceptable unless worn underneath a skirt or dress.
- Black and red dress with school logo
- Black hat with school logo

Boys

- Red and black polo shirt with school logo
- Red jacket with school logo
- Black shorts (minimum length mid thigh)
- Black pants or tracksuit pants
- Black hat with school logo

Footwear

- Enclosed footwear is to be worn at all times. Appropriate footwear provides protection from injury, therefore thongs, ugg boots or massage sandals are not acceptable. Heel height should be no more than 3cm for safety reasons.
- For safety reasons joggers/runners are required for all physical education lessons. No skate shoes to be worn and shoe laces are to be tied.

General Requirements

- Faction T-shirts may be worn on whole school sport days only and are required at faction carnivals.
- Bike shorts and leggings are not appropriate unless worn *under* skirts or dresses.
- Leavers T-shirts may be worn by Year 6 students.
- Serpentine Primary School has a 'NO HAT ... NO PLAY Policy'.
- Clothes should be clean, neat and labelled with the student's name.
- Hair should be neat and secured away from the face. Students will be encouraged to tie hair up if it is shoulder length or longer. This is a health and safety issue and helps to prevent head lice and injuries. Students are also encouraged to have natural hair colour and design.
- Hair accessories should be kept to a minimum and in school colours.
- Make up, nail polish and fake nails are not allowed to be worn at school. After a warning, breaches of this will follow the dress code consequence process.
- Tattoos should not be visible.
- For safety reasons, wearing of jewellery is not permitted - excluding an appropriate watch and stud or sleeper earrings. Jewellery worn for cultural reasons must be discussed with the Principal.

**Acceptance of the dress code is assumed upon enrolment of students
at Serpentine Primary School.**

Consequences of noncompliance to dress code.

Failure to comply with the dress code will result in the following consequences:

- Two warnings, accompanied by communication with parents/guardians.
- One detention and a decline in good standing.