



# Palmerston District Primary School Dress Code and Colour Standard

## Introduction

The following guidelines have been developed to support the Department of Education's School Uniform Policy. They aim to assist school communities to recognise the benefits of school uniforms that are supported by parents, students and staff.

Where a school uniform is agreed upon by the school community students are likely to wear it with pride.

### ***Benefits of school uniforms***

The wearing of school uniforms by students will assist school communities in:

- defining an identity for the school within its community
- developing students' sense of belonging to the school community
- providing an opportunity to build school spirit
- enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
- reinforcing the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment
- increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school
- promoting positive community perceptions of public education
- making school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes.

### ***Strategies to recognise and encourage the wearing of uniforms***

Positive approaches to recognise and encourage students who wear school uniform may include:

- formal recognition of groups of students at assemblies or by other means
- reference to the uniform as part of recognition and promotion of the spirit of the school
- staff modelling of those standards
- involvement of student representative councils and other student bodies in developing, discussing and promoting school uniforms

### ***Palmerston District Primary School Dress and Colour Code***

All students at Palmerston District Primary School are expected to adhere to the following dress and colour code unless an exemption is granted.

- single colour navy blue shorts, skort, skirt or long pants
- teal colour polo shirt
- single colour navy Blue jacket or jumper
- enclosed footwear

- navy blue Broad brim, bucket or legionnaire style hat
- beanie in winter
- navy blue winter dress
- school dress in plaid pattern

The Palmerston District Primary School uniform will be displayed in the school foyer and on the website.

### ***Senior Students***

Students in year five and six will be permitted to wear a school designed senior school shirt that compliments the colour and design of the existing school uniform.

To support students to wear their school uniform Palmerston District Primary School can;

- inform student's parents or carers of the incident where a student is not wearing the uniform, by letter or phone call, and discuss further with the parents or carers, and representatives of the school and the student to support school uniform wearing.
- implement a process of conflict resolution or mediation if a student persistently wears inappropriate clothing after discussions have been held with parents or carers
- offer appropriate item/s from a bank of clothing/uniforms held at the school to families who are experiencing financial hardship

### ***Special considerations***

In resolving matters of student dress standards, colour code or uniforms the principal must consider:

- mobile families requiring sufficient time to purchase items of dress
- the unavailability of an item
- a matter relating to the student's health
- economic hardship requiring special arrangements, or an extended period of time to purchase new items of dress
- conscientious objections, for example objections raised on any reasonable religious or cultural grounds