

Andamooka
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Dress Code Policy

PREMISE:

The wearing of the school uniform is a student and parental responsibility and a community expectation. Our students and your children are judged by many criteria, one of which is appearance. Not only are students judged individually by their dress but also our school is judged as a whole by the appearance of our students. The wearing of a school uniform allows our students to be proudly identified as attending Andamooka Primary School.

DRESS CODE AND THE EDUCATION ACT - REGULATION 77

Education Regulation 77 on school dress codes provides as follows:

The right for Governing Councils to determine school dress policy, and Enforcement of obligations and exemption conditions.

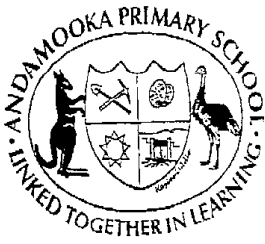
If a Governing Council determines that a local School Dress Code will apply then parents may only seek an exemption to this dress code through a written request to the Principal. Grounds on which parents may seek exemption are:

- Religious, Cultural or Ethnic reasons
- New Student (time to purchase, wear previous uniform)
- Itinerant Students
- Financial Hardship
- Genuine medical or family sickness reasons
- Other grounds at the discretion of the Governing Council

In all exemption cases, evidence must be presented to support a family's request for dress code exemption. The school will attempt to work with parents in all cases to find a satisfactory solution to ensure that all students comply with the School's Dress Code Policy. The final decision on all exemption matters rest with the School Principal and the Governing Council.



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ANDAMOOKA PRIMARY SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY:

The whole school community has determined the Dress Code policy. The School's Governing Council endorses the wearing of school uniform as compulsory for all students attending Andamooka Primary School. The dress code is standard across all year levels within the school and it applies equally and without discrimination to both male and female students

The uniform will also be worn to and from school daily and by all students representing the school unless otherwise approved by school management. The Dress Code Policy complies with regulation 77 of the Education Act and all associated Administrative Guidelines and Instructions (Student Matters – section 95 School Dress Code).

This means students will:

- Wear the appropriate uniform
- Support others to wear the appropriate uniform

Parents should:

- See that students have the appropriate uniform
- See that students leave home appropriately dressed
- Support staff in enforcing the policy

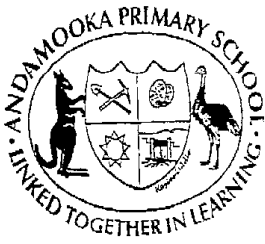
OFFICIAL UNIFORM ITEMS OF THE DRESS CODE POLICY:

The official school colours are blue and red. It is the combination of these colours that create the standard school uniform of the Dress Code Policy. The following items comply with the dress code: School Jumper/Hoodie – red, Polo top - blue with white printed school emblem.

The blue school polo top with white printed school emblem, with or without the red school jumper are the accepted components of the Andamooka Primary School uniform. Other acceptable alternatives or additions in colder weather include other polo tops and/or skivvies in blue.



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School Pants/Shorts/Skirts should preferably be in navy blue, black, grey or other muted colour.

Preferred Footwear is for enclosed-toe shoes/boots/sandals/sneakers of darker colour.

Other clothing accessories (Including Scarfs, Beanies, Gloves) may be worn during colder weather, preferably in school colours of blue or red, but should be removed inside all school buildings, where the air conditioned temperature is suitable.

Casual or themed days occur throughout the year. On these days, students are required to wear appropriate clothing and footwear (overly revealing clothes or thongs/flip flops are not to be worn). This is to fit in with the Occupational Health & Safety requirements for schools.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Sun Protection Policy:

All students will wear broad brimmed hats outside all year round as UV conditions remain high in Andamooka. Hats must be removed inside all buildings.

Physical Education Uniform:

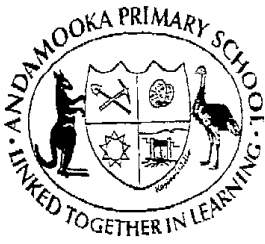
There is no specific PE uniform for the school, however, students are encouraged to bring a change of polo top, if necessary, and suitable sneakers should be worn on days for PE lessons and during Fitness.

Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare:

The Department of Labour and Industry regulations require enclosed footwear (not sandals or thongs) to be worn for a number of activities in schools, including: Technology Studies, Home Economics, Physical Education and Science. These subjects are delivered in our school on various days through the week, so it is necessary that all students wear closed toe shoes every day or bring such shoes with them so they can be safely attired for these school activities.



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DRESS CODE NON COMPLIANCE:

The Education Department's Student Behaviour Management Policy makes it clear that the department does not consider non-compliance with a school's dress code policy a serious enough offence to deny a student access to learning. Consequently suspension, exclusion or expulsion as a disciplinary measure is not permitted. This is supported by Education Regulation 77(6). Encouraging positive reinforcement and responsible behaviour is the preferred approach.

Some strategies to handle students for wilful and persistent breaches of the uniform could include:

- Speak to the student (preferably in private) to encourage him/her to observe the dress code.

- Provide advice to the parents via a diary note, phone call from the principal, letter to parents

- Verbal warning to student.

- Negotiation with student and parents about possible action

- Establish exclusion zones for non-uniform wearers e.g. no hat, no play outside or play in the shade or social isolation during recess and lunch

- Extra duties

- Detention

- Spare clothing for those students not exempted from the dress code to change into

- Follow the school's dress code including Sun Smart Policy

- Compliance fits in with the School's Student Behaviour Management Policy 'Be Respectful'



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