



Capel Primary School

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DRESS CODE POLICY - 2021

The Capel PS community supports and encourages the wearing of school uniform and has high "dress code" expectations of our students. The current school uniform has evolved in recent years and promotes a "modern version" of the original school colours and sits within the School Dress Code Policy.

School uniforms are available through Uniform Concepts, located in Spencer Street, Bunbury. Uniforms can be purchased online and delivered if necessary. Changes to the school uniform are discussed at P&C meetings and ratified by the School Board.

The Capel School Community sees the following benefits for all families supporting the dress code.

Dress requirements for students help: define the identity of the school within its community; develop students' sense of belonging to the school community; provide an opportunity to build school spirit; promote a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity; reinforce the perception of the school as an ordered and safe place; enhance the health and safety of students when involved in school activities; increase the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier identification of visitors and potential intruders to the school; keeps costs of school outfits within reasonable limits for parents/carers; students learn the importance of appropriate presentation and grooming; students learn to engage with employers and the community.

Principles of Dress Code Requirements for Students: The range of uniform items at Capel have been selected to be attractive, presentable, high quality and appropriate styles; meet local circumstances and weather conditions; cater for the needs of both boys and girls and be adaptable to cater for religious and cultural diversity should the need arise; promote the health and safety of students, for example broad-brimmed hats for sun protection; provide items that are comfortable, affordable and made from fabrics that are easy to care for; be reviewed and changed as needed.

<u>SCHOOL SHORTS</u>	<u>ZIP JACKET</u>	<u>SCHOOL SHIRT</u>	<u>LEAVERS JACKET</u>
			
			
<u>PEPPI</u>	<u>BANKSIA</u>	<u>JARRAH</u>	<u>TUART</u>

Determining Dress Requirements for Students

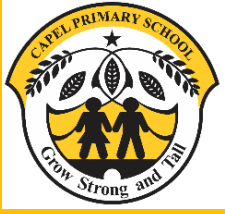
The overall responsibility for determining the Dress Code at Capel Primary School rests with the School Board (Policy Level). This includes overseeing major changes, ensuring community consultation and determining procedures for managing sanctions for non-compliance.

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The School supports parents through maintaining regular communication with Uniform Concepts (uniform supplier) and responding to feedback from the community. The school provides additional support to students through recycling uniforms and ensuring lost property is returned to the students at regular time spans.

Wide Brimmed Black Hats

Capel PS will make available through the school office “Wide Brimmed Black Hats” for purchase. The school will provide/arrange and in some instances pay for the students name on the front of the hat.

Footwear, socks, gloves, beanies, hoodies, personal items (toys) etc.

Footwear is to include the wearing of appropriate shoes/sneakers that don't encumber the student or restrict their involvement in physical education/sports activities. The wearing of thongs is discouraged for safety reasons. It is expected that students will exercise a level of common sense and maintain a level of appropriateness with clothing items they wear on a daily basis.

The school discourages the wearing of hoodies within the school grounds for safety reasons as they restrict the peripheral vision of the student and make it more difficult to identify the student and call their name when needed in the playground, particularly in the intent of forewarning them of danger or to take care when being active.

The school accepts no responsibility for personal items which may be lost, damaged, borrowed eg. toys, cards.

Jewellery, Make-up, Coloured Hair, Fashionable changes etc.

As issues arise – parents will be contacted to discuss the appropriateness of the “fashionable changes” and if necessary students can be asked to remove items and/or change their style to a more acceptable standard for a primary school.

Health & Safety Issues (costume jewellery)

Issues can arise with the wearing of ear rings, studs through eyebrows, noses and/or lips.

As issues arise – parents will be contacted to discuss the appropriateness of such items and to reinforce the message of safety and the inherent danger where students may be injured through play. Students can be asked to remove costume jewellery if there is a health & safety risk involved.

The school accepts no responsibility for lost items of jewellery, accessories etc.

Individual Exemptions from Dress Requirements

Parents/carers may apply for an individual exemption from the dress requirements. Applications are considered by the Principal and/or can be taken to the School Board. Exemptions may be granted for the following reasons;

- items are unavailable; a student health matter; religious beliefs of the student or family matters which, in the Principal's opinion, is sufficient to exempt the student.
- There will be occasions when a short term group exemption may be issued by the Principal. For example; school camp activities such as bush walking; vigorous sport where broad brimmed hats are impractical and or dangerous.

Review of Decisions – Parents may request the decision be reviewed by the School Board.

Non Compliance with Dress Requirements Where issues are not resolved and financial reasons are not a contributing factor the Principal can apply the following sanctions prescribed in the School Education Regulations 2000.

- Prevent students from; attending any activity in which the student is representing the school eg Music Festival, interschool sport or attending or participating in any school activity which, in the opinion of the Principal, is not part of the education program.

Capel Primary School supports the Department of Education and Training's policy of 'no denim' as part of its school dress code.

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