



UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE POLICY

Education Regulation 189a on school dress code (January 27, 1994) provides as follows:- ("Administrative Instructions and Guidelines", Section 3, Student Matters, Paragraph 95)

- the right for Governing Councils to determine school dress policy
- consultation entitlements and processes
- enforcement obligations and exemption conditions

VALE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL HAS A UNIFORM AND A DRESS CODE

The school uniform can be purchased from the Uniform Shop located at the school.

The dress code comprises of navy or sky blue coloured clothing and can be purchased from outside clothing outlets (These clothes can also have the logo embroidered onto them at a small cost at the Uniform Shop).

Rationale

At Vale Park Primary School we believe that the Uniform and School Dress Code:

- promotes a sense of belonging and pride in the school community
- gives the school a unique identity
- creates a sense of equity for the students
- is practical in its application to a wide range of physical activities and weather conditions
- is appropriate for both boys and girls offering a wide range of choices to suit activities
- ensures students observe health, safety and decency standards
- eliminates competition for brand name, denim and "fad" clothing and the wearing of inappropriate clothes and accessories.
- allows for easy identification in school and on excursions.
- is in accordance with the Cancer Council SA's Sun Smart Policy

Implementation of the Uniform and Dress Code

It is expected that all students will comply with the Uniform and Dress Code. Plain navy and sky blue (without branding or stripes) are the school colours.

The Principal may exempt students in extenuating circumstances upon written request from a parent/guardian.

Grounds on which a parent/guardian may seek exemption are:

- religious
- cultural or ethnic
- new students (time to purchase, may wear previous uniform)
- itinerant students
- financial hardship
- genuine medical reasons

Governing Council encourage all students to wear the school uniform, which includes the current school logo.



UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE ITEMS THAT ARE ALLOWED TO BE WORN AT SCHOOL

In accordance with the Cancer Council SA's Sun Smart Policy TSHIRTS ARE NOT TO BE WORN – Only POLO SHIRTS with collars.

GIRLS	BOYS
Navy blue hat (with school logo) - <i>Uniform Shop</i>	Navy blue hat (with school logo) - <i>Uniform Shop</i>
Navy or sky blue short sleeved polo - <i>Uniform Shop/Store</i>	Navy or sky blue short sleeved polo - <i>Uniform Shop/Store</i>
Navy/sky blue short sleeved polo (with school logo) - <i>Uniform Shop</i>	Navy/sky blue short sleeved polo (with school logo) - <i>Uniform Shop</i>
Navy or sky blue long sleeved polo - <i>Uniform Shop/Store</i>	Navy or sky blue long sleeved polo - <i>Uniform Shop/Store</i>
Navy/sky blue long sleeved polo (with school logo) - <i>Uniform Shop</i>	Navy/sky blue long sleeved polo (with school logo) - <i>Uniform Shop</i>
White 'Vale Park' sports polo shirt (with school logo) - <i>Uniform Shop</i>	White 'Vale Park' sports polo shirt (with school logo) - <i>Uniform Shop</i>
Blue check patterned summer school dress - <i>Uniform Shop</i>	Navy cargo drawstring shorts - <i>Uniform Shop/Store</i>
Navy shorts - <i>Store</i>	Navy shorts - <i>Store</i>
Navy skorts (may be worn with blue tights in winter) - <i>Uniform Shop</i>	Navy pants - <i>Store</i>
Navy pants - <i>Store</i>	Navy cargo pants - <i>Uniform Shop/Store</i>
Navy trackpants - <i>Store</i>	Navy trackpants - <i>Uniform Shop/Store</i>
Navy windcheater with zip (with school logo) - <i>Uniform Shop</i>	Navy windcheater with zip (with school logo) - <i>Uniform Shop</i>
Plain navy beanie - <i>Uniform Shop/Store</i>	Plain navy beanie - <i>Uniform Shop/Store</i>
Navy tartan pinafore - <i>Uniform Shop</i>	Jacket/raincoat/parker (navy/sky blue only) - <i>Store</i>
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Items that are labelled '*Uniform Shop*' are available from the school and are on display in the Uniform Shop located in the Ascot Room (building facing Ascot Avenue) and usually take two weeks to arrive from the order date. Please check the school website, newsletter or contact the school direct for the Uniform Coordinator's contact details, shop open times and order forms.

Items labelled '*Store*' can be purchased at other clothing outlets i.e. Target, Kmart, etc.

AS OF 2018 ALL CHILDREN WEARING SCHOOL UNIFORMS OR DRESS CODE CLOTHING WITH THE SCHOOL LOGO MUST FEATURE THE CURRENT SCHOOL LOGO THAT APPEARS ON THIS POLICY.

AS OF 2018 ALL SPORTS DAY CLOTHING MUST FOLLOW THE CANCER COUNCIL SA'S SUN SMART POLICY WHICH INCLUDES POLO SHIRTS (WITH COLLARS) AND LEGIONNAIRE OR BUCKET HATS - NO T-SHIRTS.

School uniforms featuring the old school logo (the tree in the circle) are no longer permitted to be worn.

NON-UNIFORM DAYS

Casual Days

Casual Days allow the students to be out of school uniform/dress code. **Although students are NOT permitted to wear short shorts, short skirts or ripped jeans. Tattoos or offensive worded logos are also NOT allowed.**

T-shirt Days

These special days enable the students to wear a certain t-shirt specified **ONLY** e.g. Harmony Day, Healing Day. The rest of the school uniform/dress code applies.

Sports Day

On Sports Day students must wear a sun smart appropriate clothing (polo shirt) and may wear hair accessories in their team colours. Additional clothing items allowed are sports skirts and bike pants. Legionnaire or bucket hats must be worn at all times, and coloured hair spray (if it is to be used) must be applied at home before coming to school. Sunglasses may also be worn.

ADDITIONAL NOTES ABOUT THE UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE

Shoes

Suitable footwear is important, not only for foot development and comfort but for participation in games and physical activity. Enclosed footwear **MUST** always be worn during Physical Education and kitchen and garden lessons for the children's safety.

Approved footwear includes:

- Runners
- Black or brown school shoes
- Navy or brown Roman sandals in summer (**but NOT allowed during kitchen and garden lessons**)
Thongs, Crocs™, slip on sandals, slippers, ugg boots, platform and fashion shoes are NOT permitted to be worn to school.

Hats/Beanies/Scarves

Students are required to wear an approved navy blue school hat (Legionnaire or Bucket) which shades the face, ears and neck, during Terms 1, 3 and 4. If broad brimmed hats are purchased from outside sources, the cord must be removed. Students without hats will have to sit under the Multi-Purpose Room's verandah during recess and lunch. Students also must have a school hat in their tray in Term 2 to be used at the school's discretion in the event of unseasonable weather (UV Levels 3 and above during Term 2).

Beanies not to be worn as a hat for outside play nor inside the class.

Scarves can be worn to and from school only. For safety precautions, scarves will not be permitted to be worn during the school day.

Sports Uniform

Students representing the school at school sporting competitions are required to wear the appropriate uniform, footwear, sun protection and protective gear as required by that sport. A white 'VALE PARK' polo shirt is to be worn at sports events and can be purchased from the Uniform Shop. **The white sport top is NOT to be worn to school as part of the school uniform.**

Children attending outdoor swimming classes within school hours will be required to wear bathers that include a rashie vest or t-shirt (no shoulders exposed to the sun), and wear a Legionnaire or Bucket Hat before and after class.

Year 7 Students

Year 7 students are allowed to wear the Year 7 polo shirt, Year 7 hat (bucket or legionnaires) and Year 7 windcheater (no cords allowed in the hoods or legionnaire hat).

Jewellery

Items of jewellery permitted to be worn at school are wristwatches and plain earring studs or sleepers.

Items of fashion jewellery are NOT permitted to be worn to school. Bangles, chains, and beads are NOT permitted as they pose a safety risk.

For safety reasons students will be asked to remove these items and the Student Behaviour Management Policy followed if required. Parents will be contacted if the problem persists.

Nail Polish and Make-up

Make-up and nail polish is NOT permitted. Lip balm and clear lip moisturiser is permitted. Students will be asked to remove inappropriate nail polish and make-up during recess or lunchtime.

Hair and Hair Accessories

Due to the health issues associated with body image and the nature of toxic chemicals in hair dyes students are discouraged from colouring or highlighting their hair. Coloured sprays may be used on special occasions e.g. Sports Day or Discothon, but must be applied at home before school.

Headbands (plain headbands-no cat ears, bobbles etc...), ribbons and hair accessories, are required to be in the dress code colours of navy and sky Blue.

Sunglasses

Wraparound sunglasses are allowed to be worn at recess or lunch (must meet Australian standard 1067).

School Bags

Junior and Senior sized navy backpacks may be purchased from the Uniform Shop.

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COMPLIANCE OBLIGATIONS

Any student not complying with the Uniform and Dress Code will be in the first place counselled and reminded verbally to observe the policy. Contact will then be made with parents/caregivers.

Should the student continue to ignore the school's Uniform and Dress Code the Student Behaviour Management Policy will be followed and appropriate consequences implemented.

- Students must wear the school dress code/uniform on all excursions (with the exemption of camps) or when representing the school when specified.
- When students are working in the kitchen they must have their hair tied back and wear closed in shoes for safety reasons. *Non-compliance will result in the student not participating in the lesson.*
- When students are working in the garden they must wear closed in shoes for safety reasons. *Non-compliance will result in the student not participating in the lesson.*
- When students are participating in Physical Education lessons they must wear appropriate sneakers. No platform sneakers as there is a high risk of injury.

UPDATING THE UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE

The Uniform and Dress Code will be reviewed regularly and updated in consultation, as appropriate, with;

- Suppliers
- The Principal
- Uniform Shop Coordinator
- Uniform Committee
- Parents and Students

VALE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL IS A CANCER COUNCIL S.A. SUN SMART SCHOOL.

DRESS CODE POLICY AGREEMENT SLIP 2022

Please sign and return to Class Teachers

I have read the Vale Park Primary School Dress Code Policy and understand its requirements and compliance details.

Child's Name: _____ Room No: _____

Child's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Signed _____

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