



Dress Code Policy

Purpose

This policy is to provide guidance to families when choosing appropriate school clothing and footwear. It encourages students to choose their own clothing, with assistance from families (if needed), within the bounds of personal and physical safety.

We need to think about:

- Health and safety requirements
- Freedom of expression
- Respecting cultural diversity
- The uniqueness of every student
- Financial circumstances of our families

Scope

This policy is for all students at Spensley St Primary School.

Policy

This policy encourages students to dress appropriately and comfortably. It also encourages positive self-image by allowing students' choice over what they wear within the guidelines outlined below. Choice over clothing promotes a sense of individual identity and pride and, on special school occasions, a sense of collective identity and pride.

- Sunsmart hats must be worn outdoors whenever UV levels reach 3 and above (typically from mid-August to the end of April in Victoria).
- Other clothing should provide adequate protection from the sun, e.g. clothing should cover shoulders and midribs.
- Footwear should provide adequate protection for children's feet. High heels and thongs are unsafe and are not permitted.
- Students will be encouraged to wear appropriate footwear and clothing for outdoor activities.
- For protection against head lice long hair should be tied back.
- To support and promote personal safety and the school's Equal Opportunity Policy it is not acceptable to wear clothing that carries crude, violent, racist or sexist messages.
- SSPS school hats, T-shirts and windcheaters are available for sale for students/families who would like school clothing that features the SSPS logo.
- SSPS clothing is appropriate for public occasions or events to promote identification with and for the school. Examples include SSS performances and sporting events.
- The dress code is publicised through the school's website, Family Information Book, the fortnightly school Bulletin, and Student Led Council.
- All clothing should be labelled and students are expected to be responsible for their clothing.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed by the Junior School Council and the School Council.

Policy Renew and Approval

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<i>Approved by</i>	<i>Principal, School Council, Student Led Council</i>
<i>Next scheduled review date</i>	<i>June 2027</i>