

Croydon Community School & OPTIONS

Student Dress Code Policy



PURPOSE

Croydon Community School & OPTIONS respects the right of students to express their individuality through their choice of clothing. However, this right is balanced by the responsibility of the school to ensure that students are safe at school.

For this reason, the following points are to be considered by staff and students:

POLICY

SunSmart clothing should be worn during Terms 1 & 4, and whenever UV levels reach 3 and above.

Students should wear sun-protective clothing including:

- loose, cool, closely-woven fabric
- shirts with a collar and/or high necklines
- tops with elbow length or long sleeves
- longer style shorts and skirts
- Rash vests or t-shirts for outdoor swimming activities.
- broad brimmed , legionnaire or bucket hats when outside

For this reason sleeveless tops must not be worn in outdoor areas of the school in Terms 1 & 4.

The safety of students is of paramount consideration. Clothing or accessories that are considered to create a risk must not be worn. This requirement may differ in different class situations and will be at the discretion of school staff. For example, PE activities, wood work, cooking may require particular items of clothing to be worn for OHS reasons.

Logos and designs are to reflect the school value of **respect**. Graphics that are offensive in language and/or design, promote illegal substances and practices or promote violence are not acceptable. Students will be asked to remove or cover the clothing item in question.

Enclosed, activity appropriate footwear must be worn at all times in outdoor areas. Thongs are not acceptable at school at any time.

Families who are experiencing financial hardship may seek support from Student Wellbeing and / or States Schools relief for the provision of clothing that is required for school purposes.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Croydon Community School & OPTIONS welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on our website.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Resources and Links

- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

Please refer to the schools:

- Complaints Policy
- Inclusion and Diversity Policy
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy

- Sunsmart Policy

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was endorsed/approved by School Council on 7th September 2020.

This policy was reviewed in August 2020, and will be reviewed as part of the school's annual review cycle or if DET guidelines change.