

Uniform POLICY 2023-2025

Child Safe Standards

Children have the right to be safe and protected, including at school.

<http://www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/childsafe>

RATIONALE

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the development of the Uniform Policy.

AIMS

The uniform policy aims to:

- promote equality amongst all students
- further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school
- provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment
- maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community

IMPLEMENTATION

- The Dress Code provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions
- Summer and winter uniforms are required to be worn.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- Extreme hair colours and **bright shoe colours** are not permitted
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school
- Students must wear a hat between 1st September and 30th April and are encouraged to wear one between 1st May and 31st August especially when the UV rating is 3 or above. Students may choose between the Kennington Primary School broadbrim hat or the Kennington Primary School bucket hat.
- Changes to the KPS uniform will be ratified by the KPS School Council
- The School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct
- A lost property cupboard will be maintained for school clothing which has been misplaced. This will be maintained by members of the school community including parents, children and staff. It is the parents' responsibility to name clothing and to check this cupboard for lost items. The cupboard will be emptied at the end of every term
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal
- Parents or carers experiencing difficulty paying for items of uniform can contact the school office and ask for support through State School Relief. A limited amount of second hand items are often available through the school office also. A donation is appreciated for second hand items.

- The wearing of the school uniform is compulsory. Uniform items may be chosen from the list below. Not all items are compulsory.
- The KPS uniform is not gender specific.

SHOES

- Appropriate **black shoes**, however sports shoes which are mostly white are acceptable. Bright coloured sports shoes are not acceptable.
- Shoes with an open toe are not acceptable

SOCKS

- Short white, black, yellow or dark green

HATS

- Wide brim hat or bucket hat with brim which meets the Australian standard - bottle green

Sun Protective Uniform/Clothing

Kennington Primary School recommends that from September to April, and whenever UV levels reach 3 and above, students wear sun-protective clothing such as:

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

SUMMER UNIFORM

- Shorts (longer style) – black (Please note, **visible** leggings underneath are not part of the uniform and should not be worn. Shorts should not have white trim)
- Skorts or plain skirt without pleats (longer style) - black (Please note, **visible** leggings underneath are not part of the uniform and should not be worn.)
- Track pants - black (With no trim in another colour.)
- KPS Polo shirt – combinations of bottle green & black with Kennington logo
- KPS Jacket or rugby top – combinations of bottle green & black with Kennington logo
- KPS Dress – green, white and yellow check (Without visible leggings underneath.)
- KPS Jacket – zip front with hood in collar – bottle green with yellow & black trim and Kennington Primary School embroidered on the back

WINTER UNIFORM (To be worn at the commencement of winter until at least the end of winter.)

- Track pants - black (With no trim in another colour.)
- Straight leg pants (not jeans) without visible pockets - black
- Skivvy - yellow, bottle green or black
- KPS Polo shirt – combinations of bottle green & black with Kennington logo
- KPS Rugby top – combinations of bottle green & black with Kennington logo
- KPS Tunic - black watch tartan tunic
- KPS Jacket – zip front with hood in collar – bottle green with yellow & black trim and Kennington Primary School embroidered on the back

ACCESSORIES

(Accessories are the responsibility of the student.)

- Scarves, gloves, hair bands – (black, bottle green or yellow)
- Jewellery to be kept to a minimum - Ear-rings (sleepers or studs) and watches are acceptable
- Sunglasses

(Make-up and coloured nail polish are not acceptable.)

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in July 2023 and will be reviewed in July 2025.