

Dress Standards Policy

GUIDELINE TITLE:	Dress Standards & Colour Code Policy
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Policy establishment:

This policy is written in accordance with the 'Dress standards and Uniforms in Canberra Public Schools Policy'. It establishes the requirements for school dress standards that have been set in consultation with the school board. This policy can be found at the following link:

https://www.education.act.gov.au/publications_and_policies/School-and-Corporate-Policies/student-administration/uniforms/dress-standards-colour-codes-public-schools-policy/dress-standards-and-uniforms-in-canberra-public-schools-policy

Policy Outline:

All students are expected to wear the school uniform while attending school and while attending all official school excursions.

Uniform Options:

The IPECS uniform consists of the following items:

- Short sleeved T shirts – green or purple
- Polar fleece jumpers – purple
- Crew neck fleece jumpers – green or purple
- Zip fleece jacket – green or purple
- Black shorts or long pants
- School dress
- Black school shoes/runners
- White socks
- Bucket hat – green or purple (SunSmart approved)
- Polar fleece beanies – purple

Policy Rationale:

The school board and school leadership believe strongly that wearing school uniforms has the following benefits to students and families, and will assist the school community in:

- defining an identity for the school within the community
- promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
- developing students' sense of belonging to the school community
- providing an opportunity to build school spirit
- enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- reinforcing the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment
- eliminating any risk of peer pressure around what clothes to wear
- promoting an atmosphere of high expectations
- promoting choice by offering gender neutral options

Purchasing of Uniforms:

New uniforms - for details of retailers who stock approved IPECS uniforms please contact the school reception. School dresses and bucket hats can be purchased directly from the school reception.

All preschool children receive a bucket hat as part of the book pack, each preschool class receives a designated colour for easier identification in the playground.

Children in year 2 will have the option of purchasing a special "Class of 20__" t-shirt. Order forms will be sent home to families towards the end of year 1.

Second hand uniforms - second hand uniforms can be purchased from the school reception. The second hand uniform shop is run by parent volunteers, stock availability dependent on donations made.

Labelling of Uniforms:

Families are required to clearly label all items of school uniform.

Suitable Footwear:

Suitable shoes are those that are well-fitting and have an enclosed toe and heel. These include well-formed sneakers, leather shoes and boots. Thongs, Crocs and open-backed sandals are not appropriate footwear for school.

Support for Families:

The school has an equity fund that is accessible to families who are experiencing financial difficulties. Families can speak to a member of the leadership team in confidence if they would like assistance in purchasing school uniforms.