

Student Dress Code Policy

At Riverside Primary School, we believe that learning is strengthened in a welcoming, inclusive, and caring environment. Our Student Dress Code fosters a sense of belonging, identity, and safety for all students.

Wearing the school uniform promotes school pride, reduces peer pressure, and supports a positive school image. It also helps ensure student safety during the school day and on excursions. The Dress Code Policy will be reviewed in consultation with the school community as needed. All changes must be endorsed by the School Board.

Policy

School Colours

- Navy blue, blue

Approved Uniform Items

- Navy blue shorts, pants or skirts
- Navy blue jacket or jumper
- Riverside Schools polo shirt
- Riverside Schools jacket
- Riverside Schools dress
- Riverside Schools faction shirt (Phys Ed and carnival days only)
- Navy blue school hat (Faction coloured) – must be worn outdoors at all times
- Sport shoes suitable for physical education and sport
- Plain coloured socks

Hair and Accessories

- Hair must be tied back, neat and tidy, off the face, and natural in tone and style
- Headbands must be plain navy blue

Jewellery

- To support student safety, only the following jewellery is allowed:
- Small studs or sleepers
- One wristwatch
- One simple necklace

Items Not Permitted

- To support student safety, comfort, and a sense of belonging, the following items are not permitted as part of the Riverside Primary School Dress Code:
- Make-up, coloured nail polish or fake nails – Students wearing these may be asked to remove them at school
- Fingernails must be kept short for hygiene and safety
- Brightly coloured hair, mohawks and coloured braids
- Denim clothing (including jeans)

- Snap pants or similar casual wear
- Thongs, crocs or slides, unless for medical reasons with a note provided by a parent/carer
- Temporary hair colours or excessive hair accessories (except on approved sports carnival days)
- Large earrings, spacers, or other visible body piercings
- Excessive or valuable jewellery (to prevent loss or injury)
- Clothing with brand logos
- Knee length funky/colourful socks with wings/poms poms.

Sports, Excursions & Incursions

Students are required to wear their full school uniform when attending excursions. If a student arrives at school without the correct uniform, they may be provided with clean, spare clothing or may be required to remain at school.

Students representing Riverside Primary School in sporting events are expected to wear the designated school team uniform (e.g. soccer/football guernseys, netball bibs, etc.).

Casual Dress Days

Casual dress days are held to support fundraising events. On these days, students must wear sun-safe and activity-appropriate clothing, including enclosed sports shoes, to ensure they can safely participate in all school activities.

Outdoor Wear & Excursions

Navy blue parkas, jackets, and appropriate rainwear may be worn during recess, lunch, and outdoor activities.

We thank families for supporting our Dress Code and helping maintain a consistent and respectful school environment. If you have any questions or require support, please speak with your child's teacher or contact the school office.

Year 6 Leavers shirts

Each year, our Year 6 students have the opportunity to purchase a special Leavers polo shirt to mark their final year at Riverside Primary School. Orders are placed through Perm-A-Pleat in term 3 the year before. Information will be distributed when orders are opened.

All staff are responsible for supporting and upholding the Dress Code.

Repeated or wilful breaches will be followed up by school leadership.

Leadership staff will contact families via phone, note, or letter regarding Dress Code concerns and maintain a record of communications.

Letters of non-compliance may be issued when there is no approved exemption.