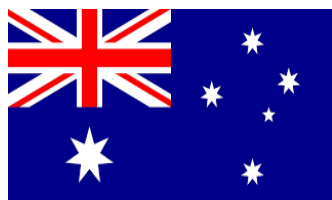


Coorow Primary School

School Dress Code 2024 – 2027



At our school, EVERY student counts EVERY day.



Policy

The Coorow Primary School dress code defines the student school uniform and sets clear standards of appropriate dress for staff and students.

Objectives of this Policy

This policy aims to:

- Indirectly enhance the school's image in the local and wider community
- Ensure that all students and adults wear safe, suitable clothing for all school activities
- Ensure that students' attendance or participation in school activities is not negatively impacted by this dress code

Who is covered by this policy

All school staff, volunteers and students are included under the terms of this policy.

Developing and changing the Dress Code

In accordance with Education Department regulations, the principal will work with the school board to develop, and regularly review, a dress code that:

- provides practical, affordable and safe clothing choices for staff and students
- is easily adaptable for students with disability, or with specific religious or cultural requirements
- is similar for all students and includes gender neutral options such as shorts and pants
- provides suitable clothing for sport or physical education, including supporting informal and incidental physical activity
- does not include clothing made from denim
- includes procedures to change the school's dress code

Reviewing and changing the Dress Code

- the dress code will be reviewed by the principal and the board every 3 years
- proposed changes to the dress code before the review date may be brought to a board meeting by a board member by advising the secretary that they wish to put forward the change as an agenda item.
- the P&C may make minor changes (for example changing the style of the polo shirt) to uniform items, and may propose other changes to the dress code via the board P&C rep. This must be put forward as an agenda item.

Student dress code

We believe that wearing a school uniform facilitates equity among students and helps to foster a sense of belonging and identity.

General Guidelines

- Students are expected to wear school uniform every day and at all offsite excursions unless parents have been expressly advised otherwise.
- On enrolment, parents and students will be informed of the school dress code.
- All students will be provided with an excursion shirt for excursions where a high standard of dress is expected, and with an interschool shirt when competing at interschool sports carnivals. These shirts have been provided by the P&C. They remain the property of the school and must be returned after the event.
- Exemptions from wearing all or part of the school uniform may be granted at the principal's discretion.
- If a student does not adhere to the dress code, the principal will work with the student and their family to support the student to wear clothing that complies with the code.

Purchasing the Uniform

- Every effort will be made to ensure the uniform is affordable for all families. Second-hand items may be made available to families who cannot afford to purchase uniforms.
- The P&C will co-ordinate the ordering and distribution of the uniform.
- Uniform order forms will be made available by the P&C and will also be available from the school office.
- At times when the uniform is changed, students are encouraged to continue wearing their existing uniform clothing until it is outgrown.
- Families are encouraged to return outgrown uniforms to the school office where they will be made available for purchase. Monies raised will be considered to be P&C fundraising.
- Families are not obliged to purchase items such as shorts, tracksuit pants, skirts or skorts from the uniform list – as long as these items are maroon, they may be purchased elsewhere.

Wearing the School Uniform

- All uniform items worn to school should be clean and in good condition.
- A broad-brimmed or bucket hat is essential for the whole year. Coorow Primary School has a 'no hat no play in the sun' policy.
- Footwear should be practical and preferably enclosed. Thongs, sandals that do not have an enclosed heel and an ankle strap, gumboots, ugg-boots, and shoes with raised heels are not suitable or safe for school activities.
- No jewellery is to be worn, other than studs or sleepers in pierced ears. Students should not wear make-up.
- Hair that reaches the bottom of the collar must be tied up.
- Leggings may be worn for extra warmth in winter. They should be maroon or black and worn **under** other shorts, skirt, skort or track pants.

Uniform items

Uniform clothing is gender free and all pieces may be worn by boys or girls. All items should be clearly marked with the owner's name.

- Maroon polo shirt
- Maroon or black shorts, skirt or skort
- Maroon dress (optional) worn with maroon or black bike shorts beneath
- Maroon jumper
- Maroon hat
- Maroon or black long pants / tracksuit pants
- Maroon vest (optional)
- Maroon school jacket (optional)

Sport uniform items

- PE days (optional) - Yellow (Jets) or red (Rockets) faction polo shirt; maroon shorts, skirt or skort. Students who do not wear a faction polo on PE days should wear their maroon school polo top.
- Faction sports carnivals - Yellow (Jets) or red (Rockets) faction polo shirt; maroon shorts, skirt or skort.
- Eneabba Interschool Cross Country Carnival (selected students only) - maroon polo shirt; maroon shorts, skirt or skort
- Interschool Sport Carnivals (students compete as Coorow-Eneabba composite team) - black and white shirt (provided), maroon or black shorts, skirt or skort

Staff dress code

The dress of adults is important to the image of the school in the community and sets the standard for what is expected of students.

Teachers (including pre-service teachers) and allied professionals:

- Clothing should be neat, clean, smart-casual, practical for purpose, and of a style that minimises health and safety risks.
- Staff members presenting at assemblies or awards ceremonies, attending professional learning events, or representing the school at any event should wear professional attire.
- Primary school teaching is physically active, and staff regularly sit on the floor, bend over, stretch up, demonstrate tasks, etc. Clothing should be selected so that the midriff, shoulders or underwear are not revealed under these circumstances.
- Staff may wear athletic clothing on days that they teach physical education.
- Long pants and shorts should be tailored or smart/casual. Shorts must cover the thigh. Leggings (other than athletic clothing described above) should only be worn under other clothing that covers the thigh.
- Shoes should be clean and neat. Sandals should have a back strap and preferably also an ankle strap, for safety.
- When working outside, staff must wear sunscreen and a broad-brimmed or bucket hat.
- hair should be neatly groomed

The following clothing is not to be worn:

- denim clothing (this is Education Department policy)
- Shoe-string straps, singlet tops, crew neck T-shirts
- Any clothing with advertising or slogans. (Small brand marks that are placed on clothing items by the manufacturer are acceptable.)
- Open or 'flip-flop' style sandals, crocs, Birkenstocks etc
- Facial piercings (must be removed or covered.)

- Tattoos must be covered. Those that are in a discrete location and are script only and/or non-offensive images less than 3cm in diameter, may be excepted from this requirement at the discretion of the principal.

Grounds staff

Staff working outdoors are provided with appropriate uniforms.

- Uniforms will be provided. They should be kept clean and in good condition and are to be worn at all times.
- Uniforms are to be worn in the manner for which they are intended: for example, sleeves are not to be cut off or rolled up.
- Hats and sunscreen must be worn when working outdoors.
- Workboots are provided and are to be worn at all times.

Document History		
Date	Name	Notes
27 May 2024	School board	New Policy approved - includes staff/visitor/volunteer dress code - permits the option of black shorts, skirt, skort, track pants for students -removes reference to nail polish in student dress code