

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.

This dress code policy has been developed by Croydon Community School's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

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

[Student Dress Code: Policy | education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/student-dress-code-policy)

[Student Engagement: Policy | education.vic.gov.au](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/student-engagement-policy)

Please refer to the schools:

- Complaints Policy
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Sunsmart Policy



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the General Office on 9724 2900.

REVIEW CYCLE AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	October 2022
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This policy will also be updated if significant changes are made to school grounds that require a revision of Croydon Community School Yard Duty and Supervision Policy.