



# Newman PRIMARY SCHOOL

## School Uniform Policy

### RATIONALE

The Department of Education requires all public schools to have a dress code and students are required to comply with the code unless they have been granted an exemption. A dress code allows for the promotion of student safety through easier identifications and inclusion of the “Sunsmart” guidelines. A school’s dress code plays an important role in promoting a positive image of the school.

### PURPOSE

To provide parents and students with a dress code that is: safe and appropriate for school activities, reasonable by contemporary standards, provides some choice, is affordable to parents and considers the risks of ultraviolet radiation. Uniforms assist students to learn the importance of appropriate presentation.

### GUIDELINES AND AVAILABILITY

Parents and students of Newman Primary School will be informed of the dress code at the time of enrolment. Information where to purchase items will be verbally communicated and also added in to the Newman Primary School Information Booklet.

The P&C coordinate the uniforms. Uniforms are available daily through SportsPower, located in the Parnawarri Shopping Centre in Newman.

### EXEMPTIONS

Exemptions may be formal or informal and cover short or long periods. The Principal may provide an exemption on any of the following grounds:

- \* unavailability of an item at time of need;
- \* a matter relating to student health;
- \* a matter relating to the religious beliefs and/or cultural background of the student or the student’s family;
- \* personal family situation; case by case where needed.

The Principal will inform staff of any student/s whom have been granted a temporary or permanent exemption to the dress code. The Principal will also give considerations to conscientious objectors to a school’s dress requirements.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM RECOMMENDATIONS

Item	What is acceptable	What isn't acceptable
<b>Shirt</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Polo shirt that follows the school colours of black and yellow with the school logo</li> <li>* School house shirt maybe worn on designated sport days and at school carnivals</li> <li>* Graduation shirts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Singlets</li> <li>* Sleeveless shirts, tank tops</li> <li>* Multi-coloured shirts</li> <li>* Shirts with non-school logos/ names</li> </ul>
<b>Event Specific Dress</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Event specific clothing to be worn at/around the time of the event. Eg NAIDOC, Bloody Slow Cup. <b>(On these days, event specific dress will be stipulated by notes home to parents/carers)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* All year around use</li> </ul>
<b>Pants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Plain black shorts/ skorts that are appropriate length for school</li> <li>* Plain black long pants/ track pants</li> <li>* Black leggings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Jeans (including fake looking denim pants)</li> <li>* Boardies</li> <li>* Non-black items</li> <li>* Mini shorts</li> </ul>
<b>Jumper</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Plain black school jumper/ windcheater</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Large jackets</li> <li>* Non-black jumpers</li> <li>* Hoodies</li> <li>* Branded Jumpers/Hoodies</li> </ul>
<b>Footwear</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Sneakers (Sneakers are to be worn on sports days)</li> <li>* Enclosed school shoes</li> <li>* Sandals with an ankle strap</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* High heels</li> <li>* Large boots</li> <li>* Thongs/slip-ons</li> <li>* Crocs</li> <li>* Any shoes which are not suitable for running</li> </ul>
<b>Jewellery</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Watches</li> <li>* Small studs or sleepers</li> <li>* One simple necklace concealed under the collar.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Large hoop earrings</li> <li>* Rings</li> <li>* Large studs</li> <li>* Large necklaces</li> <li>* Cosmetic jewellery</li> </ul>
<b>Hats</b>	School broad-brim/bucket hat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Caps</li> <li>* Sun visors</li> <li>* Beanies</li> </ul>
<b>Personal grooming</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Hair beyond the collar to be tied back</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Make up</li> <li>* Visible temporary tattoos or graffiti - texta/pen drawings</li> <li>* Extreme hair colour (unless for specific school event)</li> </ul>



## **ASSISTANCE WITH COMPLIANCE AND SANCTIONS FOR NON-COMPLIANCE**

- \* Support and assistance are effective ways of achieving compliance. Procedures for supporting compliance with the dress code are approved by the School Board.
- \* All students are expected to meet dress code requirements unless an exemption has been granted.
- \* Non-confrontational approaches assist in clarifying the reason for objections to complying with the dress code.
- \* The family of a child who is not complying with the School Uniform Policy will be contacted by the classroom teacher and request their support.
  1. A verbal reminder will be given to the student in a friendly, non-threatening way.
  2. If non-compliance continues, a reminder note will be sent home to parents. Parents to sign the note and return to the classroom teacher. Teachers to record on Integris that a note was sent home.
  3. If the note has not been returned within a week, the classroom teacher to follow up with a phone call.
- \* Students and families who do not comply with the Uniform requirements will meet with the Principal to discuss and support effective ways to achieve compliance.
- \* Should compliance be unsuccessful and provided it can be demonstrated that financial reasons are not a contributing factor, the Principal may make the decision to prevent a student from attending any activity in which the student would have been representing the school, as long as it is not part of an educational program.
- \* The Principal may not apply a suspension to a student who is not complying with the school uniform policy.
- \* At Newman Primary School, all students from Kindergarten - Year 6 will wear the school uniform as determined in the Newman Primary School Uniform Policy.

This Policy was discussed and approved by Newman Primary School staff members on 10/11/2021.

This Policy was discussed by the Newman P&C committee on 23/11/21.

This Policy was approved by the Newman Primary School Board on 29/11/21.

**Newman Primary School Uniform Policy to be reviewed November, 2024.**



Dear Parent/Guardian

Your child (insert child's name) received a verbal notification on (insert date) that they were not complying with the Newman Primary School student dress code.

Reason for notification:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme hair colour                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewellery                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Longer hair not tied back  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate jacket / jumper or t-shirt | <input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate shorts/skorts or pants | <input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate footwear   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Non-school broad brim hat                | <input type="checkbox"/> Makeup                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Visible body ink markings or graffiti (eg: temporary tattoos, pen and/or texta drawings) |

This letter is to inform you that your child attended school on the \*\*/\*\*/\*\*\*\* presenting with the same violation of the school dress code without a verbal/written explanation from a parent/guardian.

All students are expected to meet the dress requirements of the School Uniform Policy and we request your support in upholding this standard.

Please sign and return this letter to acknowledge that you have received notification of your child's non-compliance of the dress code.

If you require clarification on the expected standard or need assistance with fulfilling the requirements of the school dress code, please contact the school Principal in person or on the school phone number on 9154 3900.

Regards,  
(Name of Classroom Teacher)

Room ( )

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I acknowledge that my child (insert name) is not complying with school dress code. I have/will be speaking with the Principal to discuss the situation.

Parents/Guardian name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_