



Student Dress Code



Help for non-English speakers

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

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Upwey High School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Upwey High 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.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Upwey High School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Upwey High School's compulsory school uniform items is available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from KLAD Sport on site uniform shop, or parents may order it directly from <https://klad.au/> Upwey High School also operates a second-hand uniform shop for parents. The shop is in H Block and open on a Monday from 1.15 pm – 1.45 pm.

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting Year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program. Please contact the Wellbeing Leader to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Upwey High School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and social media. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.



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If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code they will be given an after school community service. The school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance. Measures taken by Upwey High School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

Students and their parents or carers may apply in writing to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school updates
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Hard copy available from the General Office upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Upwey High School Sunsmart Policy
- Upwey High School Parent Complaint Policy
- Upwey High School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	May 2025
Consultation	May 2025 Education Committee, student focus groups, parent survey.
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	May 2028



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APPENDIX A: UPWEY HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

Summer Uniform

Mid- thigh in length, **plain** navy shorts (no sports shorts) **or plain** navy pants with **plain** black/black UPWEY socks.

or school summer dress (*just above the knee in length*) with **plain** black/black UPWEY socks that are at least ankle level or above.

Years 7-9 - royal blue polo shirt (school logo), royal blue V-necked jumper (school logo)

Years 10-12 - white polo (Senior School logo), navy V-necked jumper (school logo)

Winter Uniform

Plain navy shorts (*mid-thigh in length*) with **plain** black/black UPWEY socks **or** navy pants (no track pants) **or** School winter skirt - (*just above the knee in length*) and tights, **plain** black/black UPWEY socks.

Years 7-9 - Royal blue polo shirt (school logo) and royal blue V-necked jumper (school logo)

Years 10-12 - White polo shirt (school logo) and navy V-necked jumper (school logo)

Physical Education Uniform

Yellow and royal blue t-shirt (school logo) and royal blue shorts. **Plain** black/black UPWEY socks.

Optional:

- **Plain navy** track pants, or navy track pants with school logo
- Sports jacket (school logo)
- Hats are permitted to be worn outdoors, and should comply with the SunSmart Policy

Shoes, Hats and Jackets

The only acceptable footwear is **plain, black enclosed leather shoes or runners**. Lace-ups or T-bars (as pictured) with thick shoe sole. No canvas, mesh or suede shoes. No boots.

*For health and safety reasons, students are **never permitted to wear thongs, sandals, open-toed or backless shoes to school.***

Jackets - navy blue lined jacket (school logo).

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