



Dress Standards and Uniform Procedures

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Forrest Primary School uses the Education Directorate's Dress Standards & Uniforms in Canberra Public Schools (DSU201608). Following the guidelines within that policy the procedures outlined below have been devised.

1. Rationale

The wearing of a school uniform at Forrest Primary School contributes to creating a safe and welcoming environment. It also develops a sense of belonging, pride and connectedness to the school. Our school uniform:

- Allows Forrest Primary children to be easily identified on the playground, during school events and excursions
- Is cost effective for parents and carers
- Reduces peer pressure on students to wear expensive or fashion clothing to school.

2. Procedures

2.1 Colour Code

Students at Forrest Primary School are encouraged to wear the school colours of red, yellow and grey.

2.2 School Uniform

Uniforms can be purchased from the P&C operated Uniform Shop located in the Forrest After and Before School Care corridor in the junior end of the school. Opening days and times are available at the Front Office. Uniforms can also be purchased online at the Flexischools website. Chilada Children's clothing store in Majura Park also sells a selection of Forrest Primary School uniforms.

The Forrest Primary School uniform consists of:

- Red or grey pants, shorts, skirt or skorts;
- Yellow polo shirt with school logo;
- Grey or yellow and red check tunic;
- Red jumper, vest or jacket with school logo
- Yellow school hat with school logo

A Second Hand uniform shop is also open periodically for families to access.

2.3 Year 6 Optional Dress Code

A year 6 t-shirt may be made available for students in year 6. The shirt may be worn in lieu of a school uniform or colour code shirt. The base colour of the year 6 shirt must meet colour code of red, white or yellow. The P&C managed Uniform Shop can provide Year 6 shirts, however, consultation with the current Year 6 teachers is advised.

2.4 Hats

In accordance with the ACT Cancer Council policy, a Sun Smart hat is necessary. The Cancer Council recommends broad-brim (minimum brim of 5cm), bucket-style and legionnaire hats.

2.5 Footwear

Suitable shoes have an enclosed toe and heel. Well fitted shoes are important to ensure students can engage safely in all aspects of daily school life.

3 Responsibilities

3.1 Forrest Primary School expects students K-6 to abide by their dress standard which may include colour code or uniform during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when engaged in school activities out of the school. A student's inability to comply however should not interfere or interrupt student learning.

3.2 In developing a Student Dress Standard and Colour Code policy the Principal and Forrest Primary School Board must:

- Consult with parents and carers of students enrolled at the school, the school community, staff and students.
- Have a consultation period for displaying items of dress requirements for feedback;
- Consider occupational health and safety, anti-discrimination, opportunity legislation and the Education Directorate's Sun Protection policy;
- Incorporate issues of availability, affordability and functionality of items of clothing;
- Consider maturity of students, gender, disability, religious and cultural beliefs, socio-economic circumstances and a student's sense of individuality and self-esteem in personal appearance;
- Develop a process for managing special circumstances of particular students or exemption processes,
- Develop a system that provides the opportunity to wear relevant items of dress standard, colour code or uniform from a bank of items held at the school as a part of the second hand uniform shop.
- Develop and document strategies and sanctions for managing students not complying with dress standards and colour code requirements; and
- Enforce aspects of student dress standard, colour codes or uniform related to safety such as: safe footwear, hats and swim shirts as required by the Education Directorate's Sun Protection policy
- Consider the cost associated with having a colour code or uniform including the accessibility, availability and appropriate retailer.

3.3 Parents must be informed in writing of the Forrest Primary School's Dress Standard and Colour Code policy and are asked at the time of enrolment to take responsibility for ensuring their child/ren are dressed accordingly. Enrolment is not conditional upon agreement. Informing parents may also be achieved by publishing the guidelines in the school handbook and school newsletters.

3.4 Everyone has a role in setting the standards for the school. Teachers and other school staff model appropriate standards for students. They should dress in a professional manner at all times.

3.5 Students should not be disadvantaged where required dress standard, colour code or uniform items are not available because of circumstances beyond their control.

4 Students not in school uniform

4.1 Consistent non-compliance with the policy may result in parents/carers being asked to discuss the issue with the Principal. This will be addressed on an individual basis and at the Principal's discretion.

4.2 Where financial hardships are present the families may be asked to meet with the Principal to discuss arrangements that can be made

4.3 Students not in school colours may be prevented to attend out of school excursions (this is a safety requisite). Alternatively they may be provided with temporary clothing for the day. This decision is at the discretion of the Principal or delegate.

5 Special Consideration

5.1 In resolving matters of student dress standards, colour code or uniforms the Principal must and will consider:

- mobile families requiring sufficient time to purchase items of dress
- the unavailability of an item
- a matter relating to the student's health and well being
- economic hardship requiring special arrangements, or an extended period of time to purchase new items of dress
- conscientious objections, for example objections raised on any reasonable religious or cultural grounds

An exemption from wearing the dress requirements will granted by the principal at his/her discretion.