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# Uniform Policy

This is the full ABPS Uniform Policy. This can be read in conjunction with the Dress Code document which is a modified and user friendly version of important information enclosed.

## 1. Overview

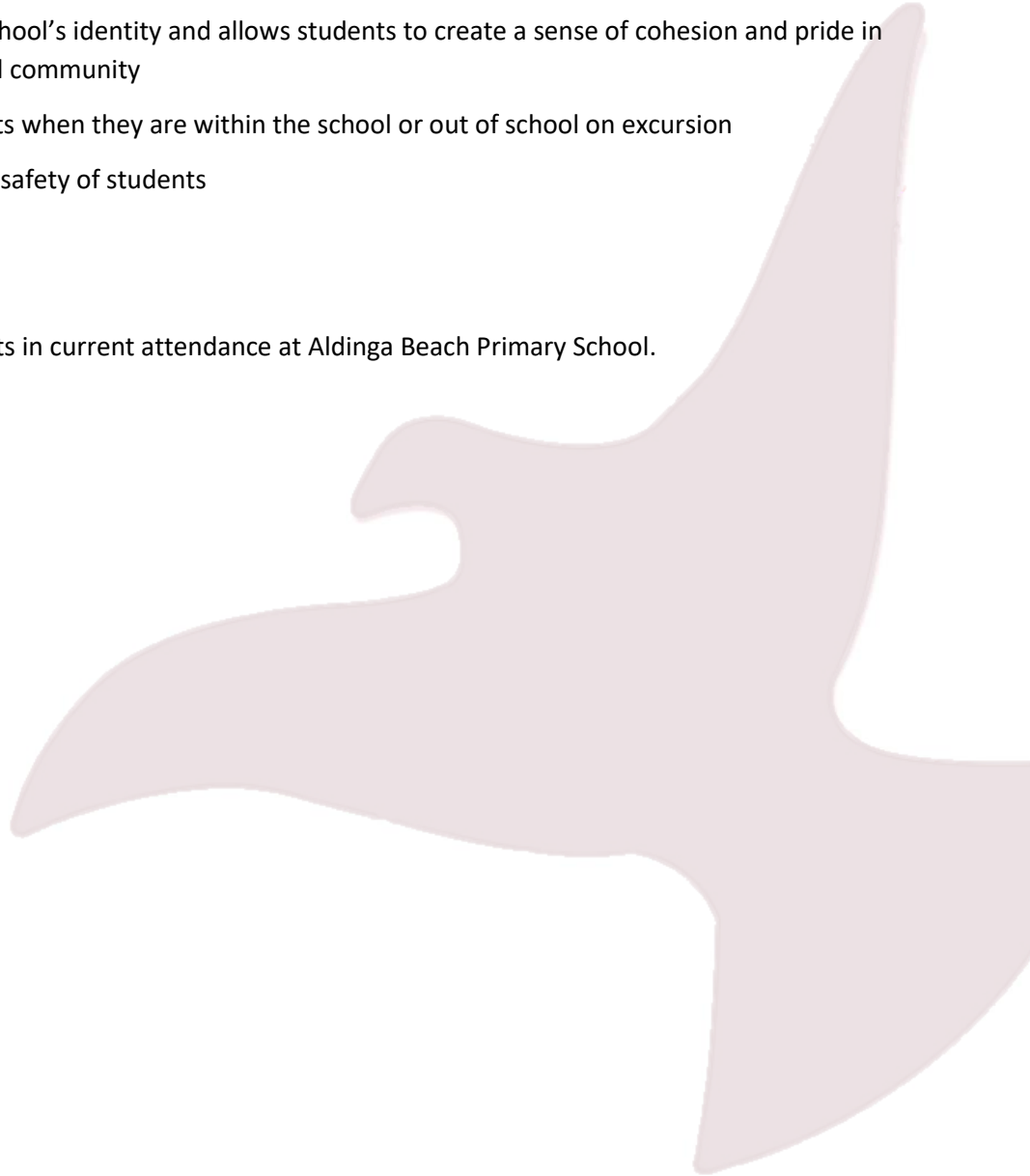
This policy provides parents/caregivers, students and staff a clear understanding of what is expected in regards to uniform when attending our school.

Aldinga Beach Primary School is proud of its school uniform and it serves several important purposes:

- It helps establish the school's identity and allows students to create a sense of cohesion and pride in being part of the school community
- It helps identify students when they are within the school or out of school on excursion
- Ensures the health and safety of students

## 2. Scope

This policy applies to all students in current attendance at Aldinga Beach Primary School.



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## 4. Uniform Policy Rationale

Our aim is to continue to develop our school as a supportive, positive, non-discriminatory, equitable and safe learning environment where all students can feel they belong, are valued and can achieve success. We believe wearing school uniform can help achieve this aim.

We believe and value the following about school uniform:

- School uniform should enable students to develop a sense of identity, belonging and pride in their school
- The wearing of uniform clothing is an important factor in ensuring students' safety. It is important that we can clearly identify our students, both within school and during out of school activities. The wearing of uniform also adheres to sun safety requirements and safety from injury
- Our uniform should offer a range of good quality and affordable clothing for all students
- Our school uniform should allow students freedom of movement and an appropriate level of comfort
- We wish to diffuse a competitive/harassing environment where students are labeled according to clothing/fashion. The wearing of uniform is aimed at allowing students to focus on learning and positive relationships rather than making fashion statements with their clothing and accessories
- The values of students and parent/caregivers of other religious, cultural and ethnic backgrounds will be acknowledged
- Awareness of and sensitivity to students in financially disadvantaged situations will be taken into consideration in relation to school uniform

### 4.1. Uniform

Reception to Year 6 students are expected to wear the school uniform for all school-related activities within and outside the school, unless otherwise specified by staff. Aldinga Beach Primary School's uniform colours are bottle green and black, accented with maroon and white.

#### 4.1.1. Acceptable Uniform

The following sets out the list of acceptable clothing, headwear and footwear:

Tops:

- Short sleeve school logo bottle green polo shirt – each student must have at least 1 logo top for photos, excursions and events.
- Short sleeve generic bottle green polo shirt – purchased through external retailers
- Long sleeve plain black tops can be worn underneath polo top for layering
- Jumper - school logo bottle green jumper
- School logo 'Soft Shell' bottle green jacket
- Year 6 custom jumpers/jackets
- Black or bottle green puffer jackets or rain jackets can be worn– must be removed indoors

Bottoms:

- Black (plain) track pants and trousers
- Black (plain) leggings
- Black (plain) shorts – must be between mid-thigh and knee in length
- Black (plain) skirts/skorts – black stockings may be worn underneath

Dresses:

- Bottle green checked dress – purchased at external retailers
- Short black (plain) bike shorts or black stockings may be worn under dresses and skirts

Hats/Accessories:

- School reversible bucket hat must be worn. Available from the finance office and can be purchased to match your 'house' colour (**to be worn Terms 1, 3 (from Sept 1<sup>st</sup>) and 4**)
- Black, bottle green or maroon beanies are allowed to be worn during cold weather but must be removed indoors. Black, bottle green or maroon scarves may also be worn outside only

Shoes:

- School style black dress shoe or sneakers only. No open toe shoes or heels
- Socks should be black or white (plain)

Jewellery:

- Should be minimal and inconspicuous. Teachers may ask a child to remove any item of jewellery if they deem it a safety risk.
- Only plain sleepers and small simple studs are allowed
- Watches can be worn but must not be smart watches

Hair:

- Hair accessories in school colours of bottle green, maroon, black and white
- For safety reasons, hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back at all times
- Students regularly engage in lessons requiring this as a health and safety measure such as kitchen/garden, science, and design technology lessons

### 4.1.2. Unacceptable Uniform Items

***Unacceptable clothing includes:***

- Clothing such as: Midriff tops, tank tops, jeans, hoodies, ripped clothing, caps and non-school logo hats or defaced school hats
- Clothing that has any logo or pattern on it other than school logo
- Miniskirts and brief shorts – all skirts, dresses and shorts must be between mid thigh and the knee in length. They must be visible under jumpers and polo shirts
- Makeup, artificial nails and coloured nail polish
- Jewellery: necklaces, dangly earrings and chokers (unless for religious/special reasons after negotiation with Principal)
- Hair accessories that are not bottle green, maroon, black or white

### 4.1.3. Non Compliance Procedure

**Non-compliance with the school's dress code will result in the following action:**

- A warning will be passed on to the student by a staff member with an expectation that they be appropriately dressed the following day. Classroom teacher to contact parent/carer if repeated non-compliance.
- If your child is unable to be in correct uniform for a valid reason, please communicate with class teacher at the start of the school day explaining the reason for an exemption for that day only.
- Families in financial hardship should request to meet with leadership if they are unable to support the dress code expectations to discuss.

#### 4.1.4. Exemption

- Special consideration will be given to new, itinerant and mobile students and those placed in the school temporarily.
- Special consideration will be given to students and parents/caregivers with genuine, religious, medical or family sickness reasons.

Parents/Caregivers are encouraged to seek exemption through written request to the school Principal.

#### 4.1.5. Specialist Uniform

**Year 6 Jumpers/Jackets:** Seniors jumpers/jackets have been designed to distinguish our Year 6 students within the school and provide them with a commemorative top. Students are not permitted to wear a Year 6 jumper/jacket that is not their own eg. their siblings jumper/jacket.

**School Sports Uniform:** Students will be given sports top to wear when representing the school at school organised sporting events. These tops will be given with instructions relevant to the event.

Tops that students purchase through their involvement in district sporting events are unable to be worn to school as uniform and should be limited to these events and personal use only.

**Choir T-shirts:** On given performing days, students that are part of a performing arts activity can wear their assigned t-shirts for that day. These should not be worn to school as daily uniform. Staff will advise when this uniform is required. Choir t-shirts are purchased as part of a student's choir commitment.

**Casual Days:** The school encourages sun smart practices be observed. Therefore no singlet tops, midriff tops, tops that do not cover the shoulders or dresses with thin straps should be worn. Sensible enclosed footwear should be worn – no heels. Skirt/short length should still be observed - between mid-thigh and knee.

## 5. Roles and responsibilities

Role	Authority/responsibility for
School Governing Council	Determine a school dress code that complies with the requirements outlined in this policy. Ratify and review this policy.
Leadership	Enforce the dress code, except where students are exempt, and take appropriate disciplinary action in relation to intentional and persistent breach of that code. Determine the school's enforcement procedures and exemption conditions. Ensure that the school dress code determined by the school or governing council complies with the requirements of this policy.
Teachers/Staff	Monitor students and make first point of call discussions with parents/ caregivers of students that are not adhering to the policy. Liaise with leadership if student consistently doesn't wear the school uniform.
Parents/Caregivers	To support the school's uniform policy and their children's sense of cohesion and pride in being part of the school community.
Students	Adhere to and support the policy through following school dress code. Show pride in being part of the school community.

## 6. Monitoring and Review

Governing Council establish and carry out a review process for their Uniform Policy and subsequent school dress code in line with upcoming review date. This may also include seeking student and parent groups within the school community to support the review when circumstances change significantly or issues arise.

Site managers will provide ongoing monitoring of their site's compliance with this policy.

## 7. Supporting Information

A 'Dress Code' document has been developed to summarise this policy into a user friendly guide for parents/carers to outline uniform requirements and for the inclusion in our school information booklet.

This includes information on the phase out period of the previous uniform items.

Please see – Aldinga Beach Primary School Dress Code

## 8. Record history

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### 8.1. Approvals

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### 8.2. Revision record

[\(List the revision record in order of most recent updates at the top\)](#)

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