

Policy Title	Student Dress Code Policy		
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Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the general office on 9466 0900.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Reservoir 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 Reservoir 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 Reservoir 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 by creating a positive image of the school and ensuring a recognisable identity in the community.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

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, unless otherwise stated on the excursion form.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Reservoir High School's compulsory school uniform items are available in Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

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

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Ties (when worn) need to be worn neatly covering a fastened top button

Jewellery and cosmetics as per Student Dress Code (See Appendix B)

- Minimal jewellery is permitted
- Necklaces are not to be visible
- Only limited make up is permitted
- Hair colour is to be of a natural tone

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back for safety in practical classes and to maintain personal hygiene, along with OHS regulations.

Reservoir High expects students to take responsibility for being sun smart by wearing a school hat during outdoor activities or staying in the shade, if they are not wearing sunscreen.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Academy Uniforms at school, or parents may order it directly from Academy Uniforms via their website.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Principal nominee to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

Reservoir High School also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

IMPLEMENTATION

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

- School staff will monitor the correct wearing of the uniform on behalf of School Council.
- Students who are temporarily out of school uniform must supply a note from parents giving a good reason so as to obtain a uniform pass. If a student does not have a parental note, a sanction can be applied. Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing temporarily provided by the school.
- A uniform pass will be issued by the Sub-School and students are expected to carry this at all times when they are not in uniform.
- If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, the parents will be contacted. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Reservoir 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 recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person 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
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with 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 and 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.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Reservoir High School 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 or Compass.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website or Compass
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Reservoir High School Sunsmart Policy
- Reservoir High School Parent Complaint Policy
- Reservoir 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](#).

REVIEW CYCLE:

This policy will be reviewed every three years as part of the school's review cycle. Annual update of Uniform Pricelist.

Appendix A:

Reservoir High School Uniform

1st Sep 2021 – 31st Aug 2022 GST Inclusive

Everyday Uniform:

Blazer	Size	80 - 85	90 - 95	100 - 140
	Price	\$170	\$179	\$185
Pullover	Size	10 - 12	14 - 16	18 - 30
	Price	\$77	\$80	\$83
Spray Jacket	Size	4XS - 4XL		
	Price	\$88		
Summer Dress	Size	6 – 26		
	Price	\$67		
Winter Skirt	Size	6 – 26		
	Price	\$67		
Winter Slacks	Size	6 – 26		
	Price	\$54		
Trousers	Size	10 - 18	87-132	
	Price	\$52	\$55	
Shorts	Size	10 - 18	87-132	
	Price	\$48	\$50	
Shirts		S/Sleeve	L/Sleeve	
	Price	\$30	\$32	
Blouse		S/Sleeve	L/Sleeve	
	Price	\$32	\$34	
Tie		One Size		
	Price	\$22		
Tights		Opaque	Cotton	
	Price	\$10	\$16	
Socks	Size	2 – 8	8 - 11	11 - 14
	Price	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Scarf		Red	Navy	
	Price	\$15	\$15	
School Bag		One Size		
	Price	\$65	Life Warranty	

Sports Uniform:

Polo Top	Size	4XS - 4XL
	Price	\$44
Track Pants	Size	4XS - 4XL
	Price	\$40
Sport Shorts	Size	2XS - 4XL
	Price	\$23
Cap		One Size
		\$15
Bucket Hat	Size	S - XL
	Price	\$15
Sport Sock	Size	Various
	Price	\$10.00

Uniform items can be purchased in the following ways:

On-line:

Visit www.academyuniforms.com.au
Uniforms can be delivered to school, a home address or collected at our Thomastown store.
Please allow 48hours for processing.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE: Dec 24th – Jan 3rd inclusive.

In Store at Academy Uniforms, Thomastown:

Families are welcome to visit Academy Uniforms Thomastown store during the following times:
Monday to Friday: 9am - 5pm Saturday: 9am - 12noon
238 Wolseley Place, Thomastown. Phone: 9460 8011

ITEMS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE ON-LINE OR FROM THOMASTOWN STORE.

Appendix B:

What you can wear as part of Reservoir High School uniform

- Apart from your normal uniform items (See Appendix A), you may wear the following:
- **In your hair** – you may wear hair ties or ribbons in a single colour (navy blue, black, white or red)
- **Hijab** – navy blue
- **In your ears** – you can wear up to two earrings in each ear as long as they are PLAIN studs (no larger than 5mm in diameter) or plain sleepers (no bigger than 15mm in diameter)
- **On your face** – you can wear only one discreet piercing
- **Over your eyes** – you can wear sunglasses at appropriate times (recess, lunch, PE & Sport)
- **Around your neck** – you can wear a school scarf (navy blue or red with the school logo)
- **Around your wrist** – you can wear a watch and/or thin bracelet
- **Extra items of clothing** – extra items of clothing (for warmth) can be worn under your uniform as long as they are white and covered by your uniform (not hoodies). Specifically plain white short sleeve t-shirt can be worn with the school logo short sleeve shirt and long sleeve white top with the long sleeve school logo shirt
- **Badges** - You can wear school badges (ie, SRC member, School Captain, etc.) No other badges or stickers should be placed on your uniform
- **Hats/Caps** – school hats are available from the Uniform Supplier - Only school logo caps and hats from the uniform supplier may be worn at school when outside
- **Jewellery** – Students can wear one bracelet or a religious bracelet/and one necklace. Necklaces should not be visible. Rings should be discrete, however may be asked to be removed for specific subjects for OHS requirements
- **Stockings** – Black tights can be worn with winter dress only (not leggings or skins). Black anklet socks can be worn under stockings as long as they cannot be seen. Black socks cannot be worn over stockings

Other things to remember

- **Hair** - only natural hair colour toning is permitted (being sold in a shop or recommended by a hairdresser doesn't make it permissible)
- **Make up** – only limited make up is permitted
- **No tattoos** - should be visible at all, whether with summer or winter uniform.
- **Shirts** - should not be visible beyond the bottom of the jumper. School shirts are to be only school logo shirt
- All students must wear official school uniform clothing under school rain jackets, school jumpers etc
- **PE/Sport** – school PE/Sport polo shirts are not to be worn under official school logo shirts

Students must wear either Navy blue shorts or tracksuit pants for PE/Sport classes or interschool competitions. Black Leggings/Black skins may be worn in Dance classes only or as directed. Socks are to be white.

Sport uniform can be worn to and from school on interschool sport competition days and to excursions where it is requested by the teacher, however students are not to travel home in their PE / Sport uniform after a P5 & 6 PE class or come to school in PE/Sport uniform for P1 & 2 PE or Sport class

- **Socks** - only plain white school socks are to be worn with uniform. No logos or anklet socks are to be worn
- Skirts and dresses should be worn appropriately and at least mid thigh. Principal or nominee to have discretion

- Shoes need to be proper branded school lace up leather shoes or T-bars for girls; no slip-on leather shoes or sports leather shoes are permitted. T-bar shoes must be buckled. All shoes should be of good presentation
- School Bag – The Reservoir High School bag with logo is optional
- School Blazers, belts and ties are optional
- Year 12 Jacket (Optional)
In 2020 School Council, agreed to the introduction of a Year 12 Jacket.
 - The jackets must not be altered in any way, this includes stitching or using an iron on transfer to have their name on the back
 - If the jacket is worn with the school's white shirt then a school tie must be worn. If the student is wearing a dress then no tie is required
 - The jacket may be worn to and from school and at any stage of the school day at school
- All uniform items should be of good/neat presentation

When you need to be in correct uniform

- Any time you are wearing uniform, you are expected to wear it correctly
- The dress code applies during school hours, whilst travelling to and from school and while students are on school excursions unless otherwise stated on the excursion form

If there is any reason you cannot be in correct uniform, see a coordinator about it as soon as possible with a note explaining the reason from parents/guardians

Year Level Coordinators, Assistant Principal/s and the Principal have the final say over uniform matters. They can amend items on this list as appropriate and necessary.