



# Dress Code

(Uniform Policy)



All Government schools are encouraged to adopt a dress code as they play an important role in:

- promoting a positive image of the school
- creating a sense of identity among students and the community
- supporting student safety through ease of identification
- making sure students are dressed appropriately for all school activities.

The Felixstow Primary School dress code (uniform) considers the following:

- regardless of a student's gender identity, is flexible and allows the right of choice and gender expression
- sets clear standards about the type of clothing that students can wear to school
- ensures health, safety and decency standards
- is practical for a wide range of physical activities and conditions
- allows for freedom of movement, level of comfort and other special circumstances (for example disability)
- connects the student with the school
- helps all children feel comfortable with their classmates
- is cost effective.

#### **Uniform Items:**

- **Tops** - Green or Orange polo or Coloured printed tee. (available to order through school)
- **Jumpers** - School jumpers and jackets or plain black Windcheaters/Jackets
- **Bottoms** – plain black shorts, pants, skorts, skirts.
- **Sun safe hats** - either broad brim, bucket or legionnaire style . Orange bucket hats are for sale at school.
- **School Dress** - plain green & white checked school dress is suitable. These are available from most department stores (Kmart, Target, Big W) We suggest wearing bike shorts underneath to allow for more comfort during play and sport.

#### **Shoes:**

- Closed or secured shoes to be worn for safety, and to allow access to all areas and activities (eg sneakers, lace up, buckled or Velcro secured shoes).
- *No slides, crocs, thongs or similar.*

#### **Jumpers/jackets:**

We understand the purchase of the school jumpers and jackets can be costly.

- plain black jumper or jacket (without logos), purchased for example from Kmart, Big W, Best and Less, Target are acceptable.
- We are investigating the purchase of logos (patches) that families can attach to plain black jumpers/tops.

#### **Availability:**

- The school tops, jumpers, jackets and hats will continue to be supplied by Prime Sports through school orders.
- All bottoms and dresses can be purchased from Kmart, Target, Big W and similar stores at minimal cost.

Please see more detailed information below.

#### **Exemptions:**

The principal may exempt a student from the school dress code after receiving a written request from a parent of the student. Grounds on which parents may seek exemption include:

- religious (clothing or adornments, unless the item poses an unacceptable risk to safety)
- cultural or ethnic new students (time to purchase, wear previous uniform)
- itinerant and mobile students
- financial hardship
- genuine medical or family sickness reasons
- other additional grounds the principal may determine.

To minimise the possibility of conflict, the principal will ensure sensitive and careful consideration when approving an exemption.

**Breaches of School dress code:**

Strategies to handle intentional and persistent breaches of the school dress code may include:

- speaking privately to the student to encourage them to observe the code
- advising the parents of the student via a diary note, phone call from a staff member or the principal
- negotiating with the student and parents of the student

**Financial strategies:**

Strategies to reduce the financial cost for families may include:

- second-hand clothing (where available) at reduced costs
- bulk buying or ordering of clothing (tops) by the school
- financial assistance in the form of time payments or subsidy for those in financial need.

**Uniform Items, availability and costs:**

as of February 2025

Tops	Bottoms – Kmart or similar		Jumper/jackets
 <p>All school tops, jumpers and jackets can be ordered through the front office. The orange bucket hat is also available through the front office.</p> <p><i>Order forms are available at the front office.</i></p>	 <p>Kmart Basic Trackpants \$5<sup>50</sup></p>	 <p>School Microfibre Shorts \$6</p>	 <p>Kmart - Basic Crew Sweatshirt \$5<sup>50</sup></p>
	 <p>School Knit Skort \$6<sup>50</sup></p>	 <p>Plain Knit Shorts \$3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dress</p>  <p>Kmart - School Dress \$13</p>
	 <p>School Jazz Pants \$8</p>	 <p>School Woven Shorts \$8</p>	

We appreciate your continued support and partnership. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact school on [dl.1228.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.1228.info@schools.sa.edu.au).