

**PEARCEDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY AND DRESS CODE
2015**

The Pearcedale Primary School Council have declared that it is compulsory for a school uniform to be worn for the following reasons:

- A uniform gives a school a sense of pride and unity.
- A uniform removes the sense of competition in dress, which can often cause stress amongst children.
- A uniform is often cheaper to supply than other forms of clothing.
- Wearing a school uniform has the important safety factor of making Pearcedale Primary School children instantly recognizable in any group, eg when the children are on a school excursion.

The School Uniform Policy and Dress Code also covers the following areas:

- **The wearing of items of jewellery**

Items of jewellery may not be worn to school for reasons of both safety and security.

Watches and Fitbits are acceptable.

The school recognizes that pierced ears are a statement of fashion for both boys and girls. The only earrings permitted at the school are **plain, gold or silver** studs or sleepers. The school does not permit other forms of body piercing on display. This includes rings or pendants through the nose, eye-brows etc.

All jewellery is worn at students' own risk of damage or loss.

- **The wearing of make-up**

Students are not permitted to wear make-up. If a student needs to wear make-up for medical reasons e.g. scarring, they must obtain permission from the principal.

- **Decorative tattoos (either permanent or 'stick on')**

Decorative tattoos are not permitted to be worn at school.

- **The wearing of hair**

It is recommended that hair be kept neat and that hairstyles are kept within reason and are appropriate to the image of the school. **Hair colour is to be limited to one natural colour.** This standard is to be decided by the school staff under instruction from the principal. The shaving of heads, **or portions of the head** (unless for medical reasons) is not recognized as acceptable.

- **The wearing of thongs or open toed shoes**

For health and safety reasons, the wearing of thongs or open toed shoes is not permitted during regular school hours (**including free dress days**) however, under special circumstances—e.g. blisters on the feet and students attending swimming lessons, thongs are permitted. A note is expected from parents if a student wears thongs due to health reasons.

- **The wearing of hats**

It is the policy of Pearcedale Primary School that all children will be required to wear Slouch Hats/Legionnaires whilst in the playground during the period Sept 1 - April 30 Children not wearing a slouch hat/legionnaire hat will be kept in the under-cover area. This decision is made in view of our 'Sun Smart Policy'.

- **The wearing of coats, scarves and gloves**

Students are permitted to wear coats, scarves and gloves during school hours, however they must be removed during class time. Students may wear coats, scarves and gloves: before school, during recess, at lunchtime and after school. Students are encouraged to wear a windcheater/spray jacket/ bomber jacket on cool days. **Should they be navy blue or red only???**

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Hats

- slouch hats, navy blue
- legionnaire hat, navy blue

Shoes

- closed-in **black** shoe permitted e.g. **black** school shoes or **black runners with black shoe laces**, or **black** boots (work style boot). **Other training runners are permitted during sport sessions only**
- **not permitted:** open toed shoes, gum boots, crocs (rubber slip on shoes)

Girls Uniform

- t-shirt / polo shirt, red with school emblem (long or short sleeves)
- windcheater, red with school emblem
- bomber jacket, red & navy blue with school emblem
- spray jacket, red & navy blue with school emblem
- unisex shorts, navy blue
- skirt, navy blue (respectable length)
- dress, navy and white check, white collar and cuffs (respectable length)
- navy pinafore/skirt (respectable length)
- pants, plain navy blue (**no stripes**)
- **navy blue or white, non-branded socks**
- **not permitted:** netball skirts, Jeans, Cords, Board Shorts

Boys Uniform

- t-shirt / polo shirt, red with school emblem (long or short sleeves)
- windcheater, red with school emblem
- bomber jacket, red & navy blue with school emblem
- spray jacket, red & navy blue with school emblem
- unisex shorts, navy blue
- pants, plain navy blue (**no stripes**)
- **socks navy blue or white, non-branded**

Sporting Activities

The PPS sport top may be worn on sporting days and days when the class has Phys Ed and Grade Sport. The school has a set of football jumpers and netball skirts for use during inter-school sport matches. All clothing worn for sporting activities must be the school's colours of red and navy blue, or **the children's house colours of red, blue, green or yellow.**

Consequences for students not wearing correct uniform:

Step 1: Student will receive a warning from a staff member

Step 2: Parent will be notified by a staff member

Pearcedale Primary School children will not be permitted to attend out of school functions eg: sports, excursions, trips, unless they are wearing the school uniform. This decision has been made to ensure the safety of our pupils while away from school and to provide a sense of unity to the public so that the image of the school is thus enhanced.

Consequences for students wearing jewellery

Student will be told to remove jewellery