



Uniform Policy

Purpose

Students attending Kilkenny Primary School need to wear clothing that allows them to:

- participate safely and easily in all areas of the curriculum and,
- identify themselves as members of our school community.

Rationale

Wearing of school uniform enables students to:

- Develop a strong sense of identity as members of the school community.
- Minimise the likelihood of undue pressure from friends and others impacting on students' choice of clothing.
- Concentrate on learning instead of being distracted by what is 'in' fashion.
- Reduces pressure on families to provide popular (and often expensive) brands of clothing.
- Enables students to get dressed with minimal fuss in the mornings, and
- Ensures that children are safe throughout the school day as staff can easily identify Kilkenny Primary School students from intruders and outsiders

Wearing of school uniform enhances school pride and the positive image of Kilkenny Primary School.

Guidelines

1. Clothing

The school uniform will consist of:

- Navy blue polo top with a collar (short or long sleeved), and KPS Indigenous Polo Shirt (designed by students)

NB Reconciliation shirts will be redesigned every 2-3 years as a key aspect of our Reconciliation Action Plan. Once a new shirt is created and in circulation the previous shirt(s) will cease to be part of our uniform policy in the following year.

- Navy blue windcheater
- Navy blue pants - (jeans are not permitted)
- Navy blue shorts, skirts or skorts - (short skirts and shorts are not permitted)
- Navy blue, white and yellow checked school dresses

It is expected that school clothing will adequately cover sensitive areas of the body to protect the skin from damage (eg strapless, sleeveless and shoe string tops are not to be worn)

- Families are welcome to purchase clothing of school colours (Navy Blue) from other retail outlets
- The dress code applies during school hours and when students are on school excursions
- Colourful long sleeve shirts under navy polo shirts are unacceptable and students will be asked to remove them
- Hijabs and turbans are to be block colours only (no patterns)
- Gloves and umbrellas are to be left in students' school bags and can be worn at break times.

A supply of good quality and inexpensive polo tops, shorts, skorts, windcheaters, jackets, blue/white/yellow check dresses and hats with the KPS logo are available for purchase online at Spartan Uniforms—www.spartanschoolworld.com.au. Parents are asked to clearly label uniform items and check the lost property area near the canteen for missing items.



2. Hats

- Students are required to wear a school approved hat in line with Sun Protection Policy
- Hats printed with the KPS logo are available for purchase at the front office
- School approved hats are legionnaires, board-brimmed and bucket-hats. All should be blue in colour.

3. Shoes

- Shoes should be enclosed to allow appropriate involvement in physical activity, and safety in our yard, garden, kitchen and scrub areas. Slip-on shoes, thongs, and high/wedge heels should not be worn as they present a safety risk.
- Prohibited footwear includes; sandals and shoes not enclosed, Crocs - due to loose fitting.

4. Unacceptable Items

- Clothing with large logos and brand names
- Cosmetics may not be worn by students at school
- No artificial hair colours such as green, pink, blue, purple etc.
- Body piercings, large ear-rings and chains are not to be worn (sleepers and studs may be worn in ears).
- Hair items such as large bows, headbands with ears etc.

Consequences and Enforcement

When students consistently arrive for school in clothing that does not fit the school dress code:

1. Contact will be made with the parent/caregiver, by phone, by member of leadership
2. The student will be offered a spare school top which they will wear for the school day and will need to return prior to being dismissed in the afternoon.
3. If the student chooses not to wear the spare top and/or a school uniform and/or a hat, then the student will sit out of play on the shaded deck area in the front of our kitchen.

Families who are having difficulty obtaining the school uniform should feel free to discuss this confidentially with the Principal. As a school we are happy to assist all parents to ensure uniforms are accessible for all of our students.

Support and Assistance

Front office staff: 83454138

Heads of School: Meg McLeod and Brenton Willson

Pastoral Care Worker: Hayley Walker

Principal: Mr Alex Narcys

Communication and review

This policy has been undertaken in consultation with:

- Staff at Kilkenny Primary School
- Students through the Student Leadership Team
- the Governing Council

This policy can be accessed on the Kilkenny Primary School website. This policy will be reviewed in June 2026.