

DRESS CODE



PURPOSE

At Newmark Primary we have a dress code rather than a school uniform.

We have chosen a dress code as it enables us to create a sense of community while at the same time allowing for individual expression. We have created guidelines for the dress code as we want to ensure that the school's values and philosophy are maintained and upheld in how our children present themselves.

We want our children to understand that different situations in life often require us to dress in different ways. The way we dress for a wedding is different to the way we dress when we go to the gym or the beach. The way we dress for work is different to the way we dress when we are relaxing at home on the weekend. We want to prepare our children to participate in the world, by helping them understand how to dress appropriately in different settings.

GUIDELINES

Smart Casual

Clothes that children wear to school are smart casual in style. That means their clothing is neat and tidy as well as comfortable.

- Denim: Children can wear denim to school as part of the dress code, for example jeans, shorts, skirts or dresses. However denim clothing must look neat and tidy, that means no rips or tears.
- Leggings: Children can wear leggings underneath skirts and dresses for an extra layer of warmth.
- Tracksuit Pants: Tracksuit pants can only be worn on sport days, as advised by educators for each cohort. They are not part of the regular dress code as they do not fall into the category of smart casual.

Sunsmart Clothing

Children wear clothes that cover their bodies adequately to prevent direct exposure to UV rays as outlined in our Sunsmart policy. This means shoulders must be covered and the

length of clothing should adequately cover and protect their bodies (e.g. length of tops, pants, skirts and dresses).

In addition to this children wear a hat in Term 1 and 4 to protect them from UV rays. Hats must be wide brimmed, covering the face and neck adequately.

Sport Clothes

On sport days children wear comfortable sport clothing within the colour palette, including tracksuit pants. Runners do not need to be within the colour palette on sport days.

Colour Palette

Clothes that children wear to school are within the colour palette. The colour palette mainly reflects the school's brand colours and includes a variety of shades.

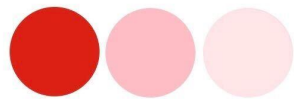


Main colours:

These are the main colours and shades within the palette. Children can wear large and small items of clothes in these colours, including dresses, pants, tops, jackets and accessories.



The shades in this palette give the range of options within each colour.



Accent colour:

Magenta can be worn as an accent only, just like the magenta in our brand colours. That means small items of clothing can be worn in these shades (eg scarves, hats or socks). This accent colour is NOT red, it's a shade of pink, best described as raspberry.

Shoes

Children wear shoes that are within the colour palette. Shoes are block colours (which means mostly one colour rather than multi-coloured). Shoes such as converse that have a colour with white soles can be worn.

Shoes must be close-toed and flat. That means no sandals, thongs, crocs etc. With all the different activities that our children participate in throughout the day, close-toed and flat shoes ensure their feet are comfortable and protected from harm.

Patterns and Block Colour

Clothes that children wear to school are block colour and can have dots and stripes. No other shape or pattern can be worn to school. Block colour means a solid colour, for example a t-shirt that is all yellow.

Checked shirts can be worn as they fall into the category of 'stripes' and are smart casual. However checked shirts must be in the colour palette.

Logos and Branding

Clothes that children wear to school do not have large logos, graphics, advertising symbols or emblems. We want to ensure that clothes don't become divisive or create conflict within the school. This is why these visuals are not allowed.

If a logo is small and unobtrusive, that means not easily visible to the eye, it can be worn. A good measure to have in mind is that it needs to be smaller than a 20 cent coin.

NEWMARK PRIMARY CLOTHING

For children who would prefer to have a 'uniform' we have a number of items of clothing that can be purchased from our shop on the website: <https://www.newmark.vic.edu.au/shop>

Children can wear the Newmark t-shirts and jumpers with a pair of jeans or cargo pants, to eliminate the need to make a decision about what to wear each day.

The Newmark bucket hat is the only item of clothing that is compulsory for all children to wear in Term 1 and 4. This is both for sunsmart and safety reasons. It is easier for us to spot our children in public areas when they are in the same hat.