

Dress Code Policy 2026

Rationale

The Challis Community Primary School Dress Code Policy is developed and supported by the Challis Community Primary School Board in consultation with students, parents and staff. This policy supports the WA Department of Education's requirement that students attending government schools are required to be clean and dressed appropriately for school activities.

Challis Community Primary School believes the wearing of a school uniform promotes a sense of identity amongst students and discourages competitive dressing. Further, the school dress code assists with the following:

- Fostering and enhancing the public image of the school
- Creating a sense of belonging
- Encouraging equity among students
- Ensuring students are safely dressed for specific school activities
- Providing a method of easy identification of students and contributing to a safe environment
- Preparing students for future life skills in the community and workplace

The school Dress Code applies to each student from Pre-Primary to Year 6 at Challis Community Primary School. Once enrolled, all students are required to wear the recommended school uniform. Kindy aged students are strongly encouraged to wear the recommended uniform when attending school.

Purpose

1. To provide families and students with a dress code that is: safe and appropriate for school activities; provides some choice; is affordable to parents; and considers the risk of ultraviolet radiation.
2. To provide appropriate processes for exemption or modification in relation to students' health, ethnic considerations, religion or any other matter which in the Principal's opinion is suffice to exempt a student from the dress code requirements.
3. To provide appropriate processes to support families in the event they are experiencing hardship and require assistance in adhering to dress code requirements.

Vision

The Challis Community Primary School uniform was designed and agreed upon by key stakeholders at the time of amalgamation and represents the guiding values and beliefs of the school community.

The logo connects us to our past and reflects the significance of the fruit orchards in the area.

The tree represents love, care, growth, unity, and nurturing.

The colours represent the following:

- Pale blue for the calm friendly approach.
- A dash of red represents our passion and determination.

School Uniform

The Dress Code Policy requires students to wear the appropriate uniform items listed below. Uniforms can be purchased from the P&C at the Uniform Shop located on school grounds or online via QuickCliq. All students are required to purchase the correct uniform polo shirt. Other uniform items can be purchased from external suppliers for a more affordable option and are required to be navy blue in colour.

Tops

- Polo Shirt (official school shirt)
- Faction Shirt (to be purchased in designated faction colour)
- Pre-Kindy Shirt (Pre-Kindy students only)
- School Dress (navy blue)
- Zip Jacket (navy blue)
- Graduation Shirt/Jacket (Year 6 students only. Made to order at designated times and cannot be purchased through uniform shop)

Bottoms

- Unisex Shorts (navy blue)
- Unisex Tracksuit Pants (navy blue)
- Unisex Microfibre Tracksuit Pants (navy blue)
- Girls Skort (navy blue)

All coats, parkas and non-school jackets should be removed before going into class. Terms and conditions for uniform shop purchases can be found on the Challis Community Primary School website or at the front office.

Dress Code Requirements

All students are required to wear the following when attending school and all school events

Top

- Challis Community Primary School polo shirt with school logo or,
- Challis Community Primary School faction shirt or,
- Challis Community Primary School dress or,
- Challis Community Primary School graduation shirt (for Year 6 students only) or,
- Plain **navy blue** t-shirt or polo shirt

Bottoms

- Challis Community Primary School shorts or,
- Challis Community Primary School track pants or,
- Plain **navy blue** bottoms without any branding (must be mid-thigh length or longer)

Jumpers/Jackets

- Challis Community Primary School jacket or,
- Challis Community Primary School graduation jacket (for Year 6 students only) or,
- Plain **navy blue** jumper/jacket without any branding (plain navy jumpers with hoods are permitted, however, hoods must not be worn during school hours)

Note: The following items are deemed as inappropriate attire and must not be worn to school

- Clothing in colours other than navy
- Denim
- Board shorts
- Excessively baggy shorts/pants
- Clothing with brand names, slogans or motifs
- Oodies

Footwear

Appropriate footwear must be worn at all times. Footwear deemed as appropriate includes the following:

- Fully enclosed
- Secured to the foot
- Flat soled
- Socks that are plain coloured without any branding

Sports shoes such as sneakers or joggers are recommended as students participate in physical activities across the week. Students must be able to manage their own footwear and be able to take them off and put them on independently when required, within reason.

Note: The following items are deemed as inappropriate footwear and must not be worn to school

- Open back sandals
- Thongs/flip flops
- Crocs
- Slides
- Boots
- Shoes with a raised heel
- Ugg Boots
- Slippers
- Shoes with novelty elements (light up, makes noises, wheels)
- Socks that have inappropriate images, slogans or branding

Hats

Challis Community Primary School is a SunSmart school. Students are required to wear a hat when outside every day of the year. It is preferable that hats be broad brimmed as they provide adequate protection from the sun. Students who do not have a hat will be required to play in the designated shaded area for their year level. Challis Community Primary School hats adhere to SunSmart guidelines and can be purchased from the uniform shop.

Headwear

Cultural or religious headwear is permitted to be worn by students.

Hair

For health and hygiene reasons, hair must be managed by all students prior to arriving at school.

- Students' hair must be kept back and off the face (regardless of length)
- Students with shoulder-length hair or longer must tie their hair completely up

Note: Half-up, half-down hair styles are not considered completely up. Students who arrive at school with their hair half-up, half-down will be required to tie their hair up when asked.

Jewellery, Make-up and Nails

The following items are deemed as appropriate and are permitted

- Small sleepers or studs can be worn in the ear
- Wrist watches/smart watches (must not be able to send or receive messages or function must be deactivated)
- Thin, simple necklaces worn under clothing

Note: The following items are deemed as inappropriate and must not be worn to school

- Headwear that aligns with fashion trends and conceals the identify of a student (e.g beanies, bandanas, durags, balaclavas, ski masks etc)
- Sunglasses
- Fake hair
- Thick, chunky chains
- Statement jewellery
- Dangly earrings
- Rings and bracelets
- Nose, eyebrow, lip piercings
- Grills
- Make-up

- Coloured nail polish
- False nails
- False tattoos
- Belts

In the event any of the above accessories are worn to school, students will be asked to remove them and place them in a safe, locked cupboard for the duration of the day.

Bags

Students are permitted to bring a backpack to school to carry their belongings. Students are required to place them in the designated area, outside the classroom, determined by the classroom teacher.

Note: The following bags are deemed as inappropriate and must not be brought to school

- Bum bags
- Handbags
- Satchels
- Small, side bags or,
- Any bag aligned with current social, fashion trends

In the event these are brought to school, students will be asked to place them in a safe, locked cupboard for the duration of the day.

Expectations

All students are expected to be in full school uniform at all times. Staff will encourage correct attire and communicate this regularly to the school community. The following strategies will be used to encourage all students to meet to uniform expectations outlined in the Dress Code Policy:

- Students may be asked by staff to explain why they are not in school uniform
- The school may initiate incentive strategies to positively acknowledge students in school uniform
- Staff may contact parents or caregivers to discuss requirements of the Dress Code Policy
- Students may be offered spare uniforms to wear

Excursions

Unless otherwise stated, students will be expected to wear full school uniform on excursions.

Special Events

Appropriate dress code for special events such as swimming, carnivals, dress up days etc. will be outlined and communicated through appropriate channels prior to the event taking place.

Financial Difficulties

Families who may experience financial hardship regarding the purchase of the required uniform should contact the Principal to seek support in finding a solution.

Exemptions

The Principal will issue exemptions in the event they are required. Grounds for an exemption include:

- Exemptions for religious reasons
- Exemptions relating to cultural background
- Exemptions for health reasons
- Exemptions for financial reasons

A provision of a temporary exemption will be made to accommodate new students and the non-availability of dress code items or significant changes in student circumstances.

Parents are required to make contact, in person or in writing, with the Principal to have exemptions discussed and approved.

Non-Compliance

If, in the opinion of the school staff, students do not adhere to these guidelines, they will be required to make the necessary changes to meet the expectations of this policy. In the event a student is not in correct uniform the following steps will take place:

First instance: Student reminded of correct uniform and may be asked to remove inappropriate item if possible.

Second instance: Student reminded of correct uniform and Uniform Reminder to be sent home (Appendix 1).

Third instance: Contact made with parent/caregiver to provide reminder of correct uniform.

Fourth instance: Contact made with parent/caregiver to find solution to non-compliance. Possible meeting arranged to request assistance or exemption if needed.

Review

A consultation with the school board has occurred. It is intended that this policy will remain in effect for 3 years before being reviewed.



Uniform Reminder



Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Today, _____ was not wearing full school uniform. The items that did not comply with our Dress Code Policy were:

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Shirt

☐

Bottoms

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Jumper

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Footwear

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Accessories

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Other

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Please contact me if you require further information.

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