



School Uniform Buying Guide – A Parents’ Perspective

Pymble Public School has an official winter and a summer uniform for boys and girls. Girls have the option to wear dresses or pants as a personal preference. On designated sport days there is a dedicated sport uniform. The school uniform policy is set out on their website and in the school handbook.

| Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 | Term 4 |
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| Summer Uniform | Transition Period* Winter Uniform | Winter Uniform | Transition Period* Summer Uniform |

* The transition period is the first two weeks of term as the season changes and parents update wardrobes with new uniforms

Official Uniform Provider

Alinta Apparel provides the dedicated school uniform shop run on behalf of the P&C. The shop is located between Block G and Block F at the school. For convenience, they host a website for online ordering at <https://www.alintaapparel.com.au/> with delivery options and instore pickup. Alinta also provide a special pre-Kindy fitting service - you can find the details at <https://ppspandc.org/uniforms>

The commercial store is open during any school term on a:

- Tuesday afternoon 1.30pm - 4pm
- Thursday morning 8.15am - 10.30am

At the beginning of any new school year the store hosts special opening hours with extra time to buy new uniforms. You will see updates on the school newsletter and at the P&C website <https://ppspandc.org/uniforms> More detailed information, including Alinta’s uniform price list and opening times for both shops can be found at the P&C website.

Alinta have an excellent exchange programme and refund policy, see their website for details. Generally, items need to be unworn, tags still attached and un-altered with original packaging,

Secondhand Uniform Shop

In its efforts to support uniform sustainability and affordability, the P&C sought a quality provider for our uniform service with a quality product. The children usually *grow* out of a uniform before they *wear* out a uniform. The P&C have opened a dedicated secondhand shop with the support of parent volunteers and donations of quality items. The shop provides a cost-effective alternative for most school uniform items. The store is usually open at the start and end of each term you can find the next opening time at <https://ppspandc.org/calendar>

Generic/non-PPS-branded

The school has an official uniform with PPS branding. Nonetheless, some items like raincoats, white and grey socks, grey tights, yellow hair ties and the like can be substituted from department stores such as Kmart, Best n less, Target, Marcs and Spencers and the like.



What do I need when I start in Kindy?

In Kindy, official school uniform is required 3-4 days a week and sports uniform 1-2 days a week. You can buy everything brand new or mix it up with secondhand and generic items. Whilst every family has different needs and preferences, the following is a *guideline* of *suggested* uniform items.

Girls Uniform

- 1-2 x Summer Dresses -or- Slim Shorts with 2 x Short Sleeve Summer Blouse(s)
- 1-2 x Winter Tartan Tunic Dress with 2 x Winter Blouse Long Sleeve -or- Slim Pants with 2x LS Winter Blouse
- 1x Fleece -or- Knitted Jumper – children wear both types, it's just personal preference

Boys Uniform

- 1-2 x Summer Shorts
- 2 x Short Sleeve Summer Shirt
- 3 x short grey socks with yellow stripes
- 1x Fleece or Knitted Jumper – children wear both types, it's just personal preference
- 1-2 x Winter Long Pants
- 2 x Long Sleeve Winter Shirts
- 2 x long grey socks with yellow stripes* (see below)

**NB: Boys can (and often do) wear shorts in the winter terms along with long socks, depends on the temperature of winter and personal preference. Many parents only buy one pair of long pants until the preference is discovered.*

Sports Uniform Boys & Girls

- 1 x Sports Polo top – you will be advised which house colour you need
- 1 x Sports Shorts
- 1 x Sports Tracksuit Pants, but many children still prefer shorts in Winter.
- 1 x Tracksuit Jacket however in years K-2, it is acceptable to wear the regular fleece jumper or knitted jumper over the top of the sports uniform
- 1 x White sport socks

NB: In years 3-6, many children, even if they are not in the yellow house "Macquarie", will be required to own a yellow sports polo top in order to participate in inter-school sports (known as "PSSA"). This is not required for Kindy.

Accessories - School branded items

- 1 x Backpack
- 1 x School Hat, but an extra hat is often very handy as hats are frequently misplaced and children are not able to play outside unless they have a hat

Optional Accessories and/or generic items

- 1 x "communications" folder – often required in Kindy classes, check before buying
- 1 x swimming bag (but some children do use a non-PPS, generic swim bag)
- Library bag – most children use a generic non-PPS cloth library bag
- Yellow raincoat – umbrellas are discouraged by the school
- Black school shoes