

DRESS CODE – STUDENT POLICY



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Warrnambool Primary School.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Warrnambool Primary School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Warrnambool Primary School's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Warrnambool Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition based on clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Warrnambool Primary School's compulsory school uniform items is available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Warrnambool Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- Any make-up or nail polish must be natural/neutral tones only

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

Extreme hair colours (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or Mohawks) are not permitted.

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

Students who wear braids or locs may wear them loose, except for applied technology classes where hair should be tied back for safety purposes.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from the school Uniform Shop Tuesday's and Thursday's 8.30am to 4.30pm. Alternatively an order form can be completed and emailed to warrnambool.ps@education.vic.gov.au.

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting Foundation and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

Please the school office to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Warrnambool Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, Compass and Newsletter. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Warrnambool Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate financial hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Warrnambool Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available at www.warrnamboolps.vic.edu.au/schoolpolicy

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Warrnambool Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Warrnambool Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Warrnambool Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	November 2024
Consultation	Education sub-committee
Approved by	Principal and School Council
Next scheduled review date	November 2027

APPENDIX A: WARRNAMBOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL'S UNIFORM ITEMS

Our school colours are Navy and Gold.

Official school uniform items to be purchased from the school:

- Navy Long or Short Sleeve Polo Shirt with school logo
- Navy Polar Fleece Jumper with school logo
- Navy School hat with school logo with reversible house colour
- Senior School Jumper (Year 6 only)
- Navy Chair Bag (Foundation to Year 2 only)
- Navy School Bag (Optional)
- Navy Reader/Communication Bag (Foundation)

Items that can be purchased from the School or other retailers:

- Navy shorts
- Navy tracksuit pants
- Navy culottes
- Navy dance pant

Items to be purchased from other retailers:

- Navy and white check school dress
- Plain Navy coat Black school shoes or runners (thongs, or open toed shoes are not permitted)
- Black or white socks
- Navy tights
- Headphones

Items	Sizes Available	Unit Price
Polo Top (short sleeve) Navy with Gold Logo	4 – 16 & S, M, L	\$25.00 - \$27.00
Polo Top (long sleeve) Navy with Gold Logo	4 – 16 & S, M, L	\$32.00 - \$35.00
Jumper ½ Zipper Navy with Gold Logo	6 – 16 & S, M	\$52.00 - \$55.00
School Hat - Navy wide brim with Gold Logo, House Colours	S, S-M, M-L	\$16.00
Shorts Navy - Unisex	4 – 16	\$20.00
Trackpant Fleece - Navy	4 – 16	\$25.00
Girls Dance Pant - Navy	4 – 16	\$20.00
Girls Cullottes - Navy	4 – 16	\$32.00
Miscellaneous		
Headphones	One size	\$15.00
Chair Bag (Foundation-Year3)	One size	\$10.00
School Bag Navy - Warrnambool Primary School	One size	\$50.00
Navy Reader/Communication Bag	One size	\$12.00