



WILLIAMSTOWN

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student Dress Code



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand this policy, please contact Williamstown Primary School 9397 1248.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Williamstown 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 Williamstown 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 Williamstown Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- reduce student competition on the basis of 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.



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UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Williamstown Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

Tops
Zip Neck Sweater
Bomber Jacket*
Short Sleeve Polo
Long Sleeve Polo
Skivvy - White
Rain Jacket
Pants
Tracksuit Pants
Straight leg pant*
Tights/Stockings
Shorts/Skorts
Shorts
Bike Shorts
Skort
Perma pleat Skort
Full Body
Summer Dress* (new style 2025)
Tunic -
Headwear
SunSmart Hat – 30 th Aug – 30 April
Pom Pom Beanie*
Sport/PE Uniform
Sport T-Shirt
Mesh Sports Shorts
Tracksuit pants
Footwear
Runners / trainers may be worn every day. Black leather school shoes are optional but not required.

*New/updated item from 2025. Students may continue to wear older version.

All uniform items are royal blue unless otherwise specified.

Special dress ups may be worn to celebrate special occasions, such as Book Week and other school-wide celebrations.

Special 'Year 6 Jumpers & T-Shirts' are designed and manufactured exclusively for Year Six Willy Kids. The school actively encourages students to wear these as an alternative to the zip neck pullover, bomber jacket and polo tops. Similarly, special T-shirts for our choir, rock band and other groups may be worn for participation in school organised events.



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General appearance

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

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should 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

Health and safety

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

School uniform hats must be worn outside during Term 1 and Term 4. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats and school hoodies are not to be worn on heads 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 DCS uniform shop Unit 12/34-42 Aberdeen Rd Altona, or parents may order it directly from DCS Uniforms online -

<https://www.dcsuniforms.com.au/collections/williamstown-primary>

Williamstown Primary School Parents' Club also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. These are available during various times throughout the year. Parents will be notified via Compass and newsletters when they are happening.

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 prep or year 7 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 contact the principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide.



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IMPLEMENTATION

Williamstown Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and the school's 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, communication regarding this will be sent to the student and parents by the school. 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 Williamstown 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 particular 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.



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CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Williamstown 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 on the [school website](#).

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 transition and enrolment packs
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Williamstown Primary School [Sunsmart Policy](#)
- Williamstown Primary School [Parent Complaint Policy](#)
- Williamstown 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

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