

Melton West Primary School

Student Dress Code

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Melton West 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 Melton West 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 Melton West 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.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

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 Melton West Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Melton West 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.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

Hair and Sun safety

It is requested that shoulder length or longer hair is tied back to help restrict the spread of hair lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn outside during term 1 and term 4.
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.

Extreme hair colours (e.g. blue, green, pink or purple dyes) and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted.

Hair accessories such as scarfs, ribbons and headbands should be blue/navy/white/gold/black

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Loewe's 533-555 High Street Woodgrove Shopping Centre, Shop T118, Melton West VIC 3337.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or one of the Welfare team to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

Melton West Primary School also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

IMPLEMENTATION

Melton West Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and in our enrolment packs. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

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 Melton West 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 recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

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 economic 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

Melton West 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
- Discussed in student forums
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- *Melton West Primary School Sunsmart Policy*
- *Melton West Primary School Parent Complaint Policy*
- *Melton West 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	July 2022
Consultation	August 2022 – School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	August 2025 recommended minimum review cycle for this policy is 3 to 4 years



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

APPENDIX A: MELTON WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

- a) All students are required to wear the prescribed school uniform of Melton West Primary School.
- Royal blue windcheater
 - Royal blue track pants
 - Royal blue skort
 - Royal blue bomber jacket, striped rib
 - Gold polo shirt
 - Royal blue polo shirt
 - Gold or royal blue skivvy
 - Royal blue shorts
 - Royal blue beanie
 - Blue and white check school dress
 - Black school shoes or closed runners
 - Plain white/navy/black/grey socks (no higher than mid-calf)
 - White/navy/black/grey tights may be worn under dresses (No leggings)
 - Royal blue broad brimmed or legionnaires school hat. (A plain royal blue hat is acceptable, but no logo other than the school logo should be visible.)

Winter coats, scarf (royal blue/navy/black) beanie and gloves may be worn to and from school. They are not to be worn in the classroom. If students are cold, they may wear their coat outside at recess and lunch as long as their windcheater and/or jacket is underneath.

Sunsmart hats (broad brimmed or bucket) are a part of the school uniform, but are only compulsory on a daily basis during Terms 1 and 4 while students are outside, including all physical education activities and excursions. Outside this period they may be worn if a specific request is made by the school for a nominated reason. Hats are not to be worn inside. No baseball caps.

The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.

Approved Australian standard (No.1067) sunglasses may be worn at school. Sunglasses are not to be worn inside.

Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.

Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.

Extreme hair colours (e.g. blue, green, pink or purple dyes) and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted.

Hair accessories such as scarfs, ribbons and headbands should be blue/navy/white/gold/black.