



Uniform Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of this dress code is to outline Marlborough Primary School requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

OBJECTIVE

This dress code has been developed by Marlborough 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.

This dress code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Marlborough Primary School 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 dress code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities outside of school hours. Generally, uniform is not expected to be worn on school camps or sleep overs.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Marlborough Primary School compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

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

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

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.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from PWS Croydon, Unit 8A, 51 Lusher Road, Croydon VIC 3136

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficult 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/>

IMPLEMENTATION

Marlborough Primary School will ensure that this student dress code is communicated to all families and students through our website. 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, which will be then washed and returned to the school.

If a student is out of school uniform, a parent note will be provided by the classroom teacher. If this is a continued occurrence, the Principal is to be informed and a phone call home may be required.

Measures taken by Marlborough 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 and Student Code of Code

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 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 or 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 or carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents or 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

Marlborough 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 our website.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Marlborough Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Marlborough Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)

REVIEW CYCLE

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council in April 2019 and is scheduled for review in 2023.

APPENDIX A: MARLBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

Summer Uniform

Dresses

Summer green and white checked dress

Shorts

Plain green gabardine shorts without decoration or brand name

Winter Uniform

Pants

Plain, double knee or straight let green track pants

Tunic

School patterned tunic

Hats – to be worn when the UV is 3.0 or above

Green broadbrim without decoration or brand name with school logo

Green legionaries hat with school logo

All year round

The following items may be worn all year round, with either the summer or winter uniform:

Jumper or Vest

Green polar fleece with school logo

Polo shirts

Green long and short sleeved with school logo.

Skorts

Green skorts without decoration or brand name

Tights/stockings

Skin Tone or Green tights/stockings **NOTE: leggings are not to be worn**

Footwear

Close toed shoes are to be worn at all times

Headware

All items used to tie or hold hair in place should be plain in colour

Jacket

Students may wear a jacket outside, while we encourage students to wear a green jacket this is optional