



Student Dress Code

Background

- School Councils have the authority to develop and implement dress codes for their students as outlined in legislation relating to dress codes.
- Schools work with their school communities in developing, reviewing, implementing and enforcing dress codes.
- All dress codes must meet human rights and anti-discrimination requirements and include an exemption process, have health and safety considerations and provide advice relating to uniform supply arrangements.
- Schools also work with the State Schools' Relief to support students in need as well as supporting their fundraising activities.
- School Councils should document their dress code consultation and development process as evidence that they have consulted with their school community. The School Council's dress code policies may be required as evidence or used by bodies such as Ombudsman Victoria in resolving disputes.
- School Council must be able to demonstrate to its school community that it has considered the cost implications of its selected school uniform and taken into account the ability of its parent population to afford it.
- The dress code purposes should be clearly identified. These purposes may include:
 - promoting a sense of identity, pride and equality
 - encouraging cohesion and good order in the school
 - preventing bullying and competition on the basis of clothing
 - ensuring students' appearance reflects the expectations of their school community
 - enhancing the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community
 - strengthening the spirit of community within the school
 - enhancing individual student safety and group security
 - ensuring all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
 - encouraging students to develop pride in their appearance
 - encouraging students to present themselves appropriately for a particular role.

Purpose

- To ensure Werribee Primary School complies with the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*, Section 16(1)(c) - Education and Training Regulations 2007 and Section 40 - *Victorian Equal Opportunity Act 1995*.
- To ensure the school develops, implements, reviews and enforces its dress code appropriately.

Definitions

A dress code is a written statement of School Council expectations regarding student appearance during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when engaged in school activities out of school hours.

Implementation

- The School Council Policy on Student Dress Code will be publicised at the beginning of each year.
- The Student Dress Code Policy will be featured on the school website.
- The school will communicate its dress code to new families upon enrolment and at the Parent Information Sessions for Foundation Students.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the dress code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability or health condition must apply in writing to the School Council for consideration.
- The Student Dress Code policy applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions. Instructions for uniform to be worn will be included on written notifications of impending excursions and outings.
- The uniform takes into account among other factors the cost, quality of items, reliability of supply/supplier, re-use or recycling of items.
- Year 6 students may purchase and wear, as part of their uniform, a Year 6 Polo Shirt and/or Bomber Jacket, which will be available by ordering early in the school year.
- The only acceptable earrings are small sleepers or studs. Other jewellery, including facial piercings, is not permitted.
- Makeup and coloured nail polish is not acceptable to be worn to school.
- Hair is to be of a natural colour. Where appropriate, hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back.



- Shoes can be black school shoes or runners. No thongs or open toed sandals are to be worn and heels are to be covered.
- The official School Uniform Supplier is Rushfords Schoolwear located at Shop 1/13 Barnes Place Werribee.
- When a student does not wear the uniform options, his/her parents or guardians may be contacted by the classroom teacher and provided with a copy of the uniform guidelines. This letter will seek their support of the Student Dress Code Policy and explain avenues of assistance available.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship and access to this service must be approved by the Principal.
- The school will review the uniform to ensure the code reflects the values of the community and that there is a balance between rights of individual students and the whole school community. Any changes made will be done in line with DET guidelines for Developing and Reviewing Dress Codes.
- Please refer also to the school's *SunSmart Policy* and the *Parent Complaints Policy*.

OFFICIAL UNIFORM GARMENTS FOR WERRIBEE PRIMARY SCHOOL

General Uniform

Shorts:	Maroon unisex rugby knit Maroon basketball mesh Grey cotton drill
Tracksuit Pants:	Maroon or Grey
Cargo Pants:	Grey
Short Sleeve Polo Shirt:	Maroon
Long Sleeve Polo Shirt:	Maroon
Skivvy:	Maroon
Windcheater:	Maroon
Rugby Top:	Maroon (sky blue stripe)
Kilt:	Maroon Check
Dress:	Maroon & White Check
Hijab:	Maroon or Black
Hats:	Maroon Legionnaire, Wide Brimmed or Bucket hats during mid-August-April
Shoes:	School Shoes or Runners (toes and heels must be covered in)
Socks:	Grey or white
Tights:	Black or Navy

Sports Uniform

Shorts:	Maroon
Polo Shirt:	Maroon
Netball Skirt:	Maroon (Netball skirts are not to be worn as school uniform) Runners

Optional Items:

Raincoat:	Maroon
Scarf/Beanie:	Maroon

No advertising on clothing



References

The Victorian Government Schools Policy and Advisory Guide- Student Dress Code
- Developing and Reviewing Dress Codes

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle or if guidelines change (latest DET update early November 2017).

This update: November 2017

This policy was ratified by School Council on 21 November 2017

Reference:

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/Management/Pages/dresscode.aspx