



Student Dress Code



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the school's EAL Coordinator on 9742 6659 or email werribee.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Purpose

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

Werribee Primary School's school uniform items are as follows:

General Uniform

Item	Description
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, White or Black
Hats	SunSmart: Maroon Legionnaire, Wide Brimmed or Bucket hats (from 1 st September to 1 st May)
Shoes	School Shoes or Runners (toes and heels must be covered in)
Socks	Black, Grey or White
Tights	Black or Navy



Sports Uniform

Item	Description
Shorts:	Maroon
Polo Shirt:	Maroon
Netball Skirt:	Maroon (Netball skirts are not to be worn as school uniform)
Runners	Suitable for sports and PE activities

Optional Items:

Item	Description
Raincoat:	Suitable attire
Scarf/Beanie:	Maroon

NB: No advertising on clothing

General Appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Werribee Primary School students should 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.

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.
- Makeup and coloured nail polish is not acceptable to be worn to school.

Hair and Sun Safety

- Hair is to be of a natural colour. Where appropriate, hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back.
- 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

- The official School Uniform Supplier is Rushfords Schoolwear located at Shop 1/13 Barnes Place Werribee.
- Second hand uniforms are available upon request. Please contact the General Office.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the General Office to discuss support what 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/>.

Implementation

Werribee Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through the school's website and email communications. We are able to assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

When a student does not wear the uniform options, their parents or guardians may be contacted by the school 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.

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 in writing 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

Werribee 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 the Complaint Policy on the school's website.

Further Information and Resources

- SunSmart Policy
- Complaint Policy
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

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