



Student Dress Code



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the school 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:

- promote a sense of identity and pride, cohesion and good order in the school
- allow all students to feel equal
- prevent bullying and competition on the basis of clothing
- ensure students' appearance reflects the expectations of their school community
- strengthen the spirit of community within the school
- enhance individual student safety and group security
- ensure all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities

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

Students can wear any uniform item regardless of gender.

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, Navy or Maroon



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, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

Health and Safety

Students with shoulder length or longer hair are encouraged to tie back their hair to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories, hat cords 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 from mid-August 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/carer or student choice.

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

Uniform items can be purchased from Rushfords Schoolwear located at Shop 1/13 Barnes Place Werribee. Permitted non-branded uniform items can also be purchased from department stores.

Second hand uniforms may be available upon request. Please contact the General Office.

The School Council has consulted with the school community and worked to ensure the student uniform is affordable, including by allowing generic uniform items where possible and offering second-hand uniforms for purchase. 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 program through [State Schools' Relief](#).

Please contact the welfare team to discuss support that we may be able to provide.



IMPLEMENTATION

Werribee Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code and uniform item list is communicated to all families and students through our website and XUNO email communication. 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, a note may be provided to the student and parents/carers by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the student dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Wellbeing Team 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 Werribee 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 the enforcement of this Student Dress Code may 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 the code:
 - prevents students from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students because of the [personal characteristics referred to in human rights and anti-discrimination requirements](#)
 - offends a religious belief held by the student or parents/carers
 - prevents students from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or the parents/carers can demonstrate 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/carer
- guarantee that issues of a personal nature revealed to substantiate the request will be strictly confidential
- 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, including providing advice about support with meeting uniform costs. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents/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 Parent Complaint Policy on the school's website.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in transition and enrolment information
- Discussed at parent information sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

Views on our student dress code have been previously invited from the whole school community including:

- Parent/carers
- Teachers and other school staff
- Students
- School Council



The school community consultation invited feedback about uniform cost and affordability. This feedback has been recorded, carefully considered and incorporated into the student dress code policy where appropriate.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Werribee Primary School policies and resources relevant to this policy can be found on our [website](#) and include:

- Sun Protection Policy
- Complaints Policy
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Inclusion and Diversity Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education [Student Engagement](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

For future reviews of this Student Dress Code, we will consult with our school community through the following mechanisms:

- Emails and messages to parents/carers
- surveys
- Information on our website

The community will be given advance notice of the consultation process and timelines. The consultation will be open for at least 2 weeks.

Consultation materials can be translated into community languages.

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