



Whorouly Primary School

STUDENT DRESS CODE – Uniform Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Whorouly 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 Whorouly 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 Whorouly 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 travelling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Whorouly Primary School's 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, Whorouly 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 or are navy or jade green.

Jewellery

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.



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Hair and Sun Safety

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

Hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) to 30th April and on any other day prescribed by the school. Hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent 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.

Refer to Whorouly Primary School SunSmart Policy for further information.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from:

Wangaratta Uniform Zone 52 Norton Street Wangaratta

Work Locker 118-120 Murphy Street Wangaratta

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal 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/>

Whorouly Primary School also has a range of donated second hand uniforms that are available to all families.

IMPLEMENTATION

Whorouly Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, newsletter and the Parent Information Book that is provided to new families. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is regularly out of school uniform the Principal will contact the parents. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

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



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- 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 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

Whorouly 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 website or from the office.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Whorouly Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Whorouly Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Whorouly 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](#).

REVIEW CYCLE

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council on 18th June 2019 and is scheduled for review in June 2020.

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[NOTE: The Department's Student Dress Code policy requires school councils to decide annually whether or not amendments or a full review of the dress code is required].

School councils must develop and review their student dress code in accordance with the Department's Student Dress Code policy guidance on the School Policy and Advisory Guide.

This will include ensuring your student dress code meets human rights and anti-discrimination requirements, includes exemption processes and addresses health and safety considerations. School councils will also need to ensure they have properly consulted with the school community in developing/reviewing this student dress code.



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APPENDIX A: WHOROULY PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

All year round

The following items may be worn all year round:

Jacket

Navy polar fleece with school logo

Polo shirts

Jade green/with navy insert long and short sleeved with school logo.

Shorts/Skirts

Plain navy shorts/skirts without decoration or brand name.

Pants

Plain, navy blue track pants without decoration or brand name

Dresses

Summer blue and white checked dress

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Runners, black or brown school shoes or pull on boots are permitted. Summer sandals with covered toes are permitted.

No thongs, open-toed sandals or ballet flats are permitted.

Hats – to be worn from mid-August to 30 April

Navy broadbrim with or without school logo. Safari or bucket hats are also permitted.

Grade 6 uniform

Navy hoodie with school logo and student and teacher names on the back.

Navy polo shirt with school logo and student and teacher names on the back.

Parents of Grade 6 students usually work together with the Principal to organise the ordering of this uniform.