



## STUDENT DRESS CODE – Uniform Policy



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Whorouly Primary School on 03 5727 1363 or [whorouly.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:whorouly.ps@education.vic.gov.au).

### 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 traveling 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.
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- No make up to be worn



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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.

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

Hats must be worn outside from mid-August 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 Sun Protection 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 for free.

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. 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 (ASU) program.

Please contact the Admin Support Officer Deb Evans, to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

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.

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.



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## EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could 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 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 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/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

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.

## COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website (or insert other online parent/carer/student communication method)
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook
- Discussed at staff meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Whorouly Primary School Sun Protection Policy
- Whorouly Primary School Parent Complaint Policy



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- 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](#)

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	15 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
Consultation	Junior Council, School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	September 2025

(School Council will decide annually whether or not amendments or a full review of the dress code is required.)



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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 zip up jacket 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.

#### **Optional Items**

Navy shell jacket with school logo

Navy coat with school logo

### 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.

The principal and business manager will work with the parents of Grade 5 students to order the Grade 6 uniforms before the end of the Grade 5 year.