



WARRAGUL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student Dress Code Policy



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Warragul North Primary School.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Warragul North 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 Warragul North 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
- instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community
- support Warragul North 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

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

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should 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 navy in colour when visible
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- Any make up or nail polish must be neutral tones only

Health and safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of 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. This includes eye lash extensions and acrylic/press on nails.

Students who wear braids or locs may wear them loose, except for applied technology classes where hair should be tied back for safety purposes.

School uniform hats must be worn outside in Term 1 and Term 4 or on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform 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.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Warragul North Primary School uniform items with logos can be purchased from Beleza in Warragul.

The Warragul North Primary School administration office sells second-hand uniform for parents. Please contact the school office for more information.

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 school's administration office to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Warragul North Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and newsletters. 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, the school will contact the family and offer support.

Measures taken by Warragul North 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 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

Warragul North 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 [here](#).

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Included in staff handbook
- Discussed at staff meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Warragul North Primary School Sun Protection Policy
- Warragul North Primary School Complaint Policy
- Warragul North 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	August 2025
Consultation	School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	May 2028

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.

Warragul North Primary School Uniform



Our uniform includes:

- A Warragul North PS long or short sleeve shirt with logo
- School dress as pictured above
- Plain navy-blue pants, shorts (shorts are to be appropriate length for school and minimum mid-thigh length) or skort
- Any of the choices of jumpers or jackets (pictures above)
- Navy blue or white socks (plain is preferred)
- Black shoes or sneakers. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.
- A SunSmart hat (wide-brimmed, legionnaires or bucket hat are acceptable)
- WNPS Beanie with Logo.
- Headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs
- Any shoulder length hair should be tied back (as per the DET Headlice Policy)

Uniform with logos can be purchased from Beleza in Williams square, Warragul.

