

Yarram Primary School Student Dress Code

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Yarram 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 Yarram 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 Yarram 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

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Yarram Primary School's students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name

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. In line with our Mobile Phones – Student Use Policy, Smart watches may not be worn at school. If brought to school, they must be left at the office during school hours.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

Hair and Sun safety

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

School uniform hats must be worn outside from 1st September to 30th April and 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 must be brimmed and meet the requirements of the YPS Sunsmart Policy.

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 by lodging an order form and paying at school or by purchasing directly from Beleza.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or office manager 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/>

Yarram Primary School also has a limited range of uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

IMPLEMENTATION

Yarram Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and Parent Information Booklet on enrolment. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the Principal. A phone call will be made to parents/carers if non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence. 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
- 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

Yarram 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 school website.

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 news broadcast
- Included in staff handbook
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Yarram Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Yarram Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Yarram 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 in February 2024 and is scheduled for review in February 2027.

APPENDIX A: Yarram Primary School UNIFORM ITEMS

**Yarram Primary School colours are black, red and white.
The school logo, whilst not compulsory, should be the only logo used.
Parents must name all items of school uniform.**

Students are permitted to wear:

Plain black shorts, pants, tracksuit pants or skirt/skort/culottes etc. (all shorts/skirts/skorts/culottes and leggings must mid-thigh length at a minimum)

Red long or short sleeved polo shirt (with or without YPS logo)

Plain black, white or red socks (no logos)

Brimmed hat that meets the requirements of the YPS Sunsmart policy

Red windcheater (with or without YPS logo)

Red rugby top

Red and white check dress (summer)

Tartan or black skirt

Tartan tunic (winter)

Black fleece vest (with or without YPS logo)

Black soft shell jacket (with or without YPS logo; outside only)

Beanie (plain black, red or white or with YPS logo; outside only)

Footwear:

Sports shoes (especially on P.E. / Sports days) or black school shoes

NO THONGS, CROCS

Boots must not have heels or steel caps. They must be plain black or brown and appropriate for play. Gumboots are only permitted on rainy days for outside wear (a change of shoes for inside is required.)

Hat Policy:

Children are required to wear a brimmed hat during September through to the end of April - at morning recess, lunchtime and during outdoor activities.

Hair:

Hair shoulder length or longer **to be tied back**, including mullet style haircuts.

Earrings:

If your child has pierced ears, hanging earrings are not to

be worn for safety reasons. Stud earrings and sleepers are the only permitted earrings.

Jewellery:

Watch **only** (Smart watches may not be worn at school. They need to be handed in at the office).

Additional Items:

YPS school jumpers or YPS soft shell jackets are the expected warm outer wear for students. Jumpers in other colours or with other logos are not permitted inside. Students can wear an additional plain black or red layer outside, such as a rain coat or an extra jacket on cold or wet days. Hoodies are not permitted at YPS. Plain black or YPS fleece vests can be worn inside or outside.

Only clear nail polish permitted.

Black schoolbags are available through the school.

Support your child to look after his / her own belongings.

Articles of clothing which are unclaimed at the end of each term will be given to charity.