

Warreen Primary School Uniform Policy



Help for non-English speakers

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Warreen Primary School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

The school uniform reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the student uniform policy.

This dress code has been developed by Warreen Primary School's 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 Warreen 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. The uniform policy has been developed in a considered way to provide choice for the student, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Warreen Primary School's compulsory 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, Warreen 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 and in our school colours of navy blue and white only.

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. Cosmetics may not be worn at school. clear nail polish is acceptable. Any jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

HAIR AND SUN SAFETY

It is recommended that shoulder length or longer hair be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety. Hair Accessories must be in school colours only (navy, green, white or blue). Extreme hair colours (e.g.: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (e.g., mohawks) are not permitted.

School uniform hats must be worn outside during terms one and four 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 are not to be worn inside. Students are encouraged to wear protective headwear such as beanies in Terms 2 & 3 when outdoors Headscarves & Turbans must be in school colours only (navy, green, white or blue).

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.

Makeup may not be worn at school.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

The Uniform Policy including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be included in the enrolment pack and published on the school website.

Uniform items can be purchased directly from PSW at Unit 1,195 Old Geelong Rd, Hoppers Crossing. Phone- 9768 0300, Email - customerservicedesk@psw.com.au. Website:

<https://psw.com.au/>.

Please contact the Principal or Business 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/>

IMPLEMENTATION

Warreen Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website. 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 will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal 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 Warreen 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

Warreen 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 from the office.

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
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/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

- Warreen Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Warreen Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Warreen 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	2025
Consultation	2023 representative groups, parent groups, school council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	2029

APPENDIX A: WARREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

ALL YEAR ROUND

The following items may be worn all year round, with either the summer or winter uniform:

Jumper or Vest

Navy polar fleece with school logo
Navy soft shell jacket

Polo shirts

Navy long and short sleeved top with school logo.

Shirts

Check long and short sleeve shirt

Skorts

Plain navy skorts without decoration or brand name and in winter can be worn with navy blue tights/stockings.

Pants

Plain, navy blue track pants without decoration or brand name

Socks or tights/stockings

Navy blue or white socks
Navy blue tights/stockings

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Black school shoes or runners are permitted. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

School Raincoat (Optional Item)

Navy Blue spray jacket with school logo

Headwear

Navy blue, green or white headbands, hair ribbons, "scrunchies" or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. .

**Dresses**

Summer navy checked dress
Winter tunic with detachable bib

Shorts

Plain navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name

Hats/ Beanies – to be worn Term 1 & 4

Navy bucket hats or navy beanie without decoration or brand name.

Sports uniform

Navy polo top with navy blue shorts/skirt/skort.

Please go to <https://psw.com.au/> for the most up to date pricing information for our school uniform.