

Whitehorse Primary School

Student Dress Code



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school office.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Whitehorse 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 Whitehorse Primary School's School Council in 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 Whitehorse 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 Whitehorse Primary School's compulsory school uniform items is available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Whitehorse 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.

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. 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.

In accordance with our Sun Protection policy, 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 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.

Department of Education Commemorative Clothing

Commemorative garments purchased after participation in Department of Education events and activities may be worn on limited occasions.

For example:

- Students who have represented our school at divisional, regional or at state levels may wear their SSV top during senior sports training sessions on Fridays.
- Students may wear Somers Camp tops in the week after their return from Somers.

Commemorative garments may not be worn as a regular replacement for our standard school uniform.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased directly from Spartan School World at <https://www.spartanschoolworld.com.au/>

Uniform items ordered online from Spartan School World will be delivered to the school office.

Whitehorse Primary School also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. Please contact the office for second-hand uniform sales.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

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

Whitehorse Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and Compass. 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. Following a Student Dress Code will assist senior students' preparation for secondary school, where adherence with dress code is more rigorous.

Measures taken by Whitehorse 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 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

Whitehorse Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on Compass.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website and to parents in Compass
- Reminders in our school and level newsletters

- 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

- Whitehorse Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Whitehorse Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Whitehorse 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	
Consultation	
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	

APPENDIX A: WHITEHORSE 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 fleece windcheater with school logo

Navy bomber jacket with school logo

Polo shirts

Red and blue long and short sleeved with school logo.

Skorts

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

Socks or tights/stockings

Navy blue or white socks

Navy blue tights/stockings

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Summer sandals with covered toes, black or brown school shoes or pull on school boots or runners are permitted. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

Headwear

Navy blue, red or white head bands, hair ribbons, "scrunchies" or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

Summer Uniform – to be worn in Terms 1 and 4

Dresses

Summer blue, red and white checked dress

Shorts

Plain navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name

Winter Uniform – to be worn in Term 2 and 3

Dresses

Navy with red and white check winter tunic

Pants

Plain, navy blue track pants without decoration or brand name

Plain navy bootleg

Skivvies

Plain navy or red skivvy

Optional

Navy beanie with school logo

Hats – to be worn from 1 September to 30 April

Navy broadbrim with school logo.

Navy broadbrim without decoration or brand name.

Sports uniform

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

There are specific uniform requirements for students participating in interschool sports such as netball, football and basketball. These uniforms are provided by the school for the duration of the sports season.