

Dress Code - Student

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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Approved by	School Council
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School Councils must develop and review their student dress code in accordance with the Department's Student Dress Code policy guidance on the Department's Policy and Advisory Library, available at the following link: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-dress-code/policy>

This will include ensuring your student dress code meets human rights and anti-discrimination requirements, includes exemption processes and addresses health and safety considerations. School Councils will also need to ensure they have properly consulted with the school community in developing/reviewing this student dress code. Guidance on consultation processes is available on the Policy and Advisory Library here: <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-dress-code/guidance/developing-and-reviewing-dress-codes>



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Harcourt Valley Primary School.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Harcourt Valley Primary School 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 Harcourt Valley 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 Harcourt Valley 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 Harcourt Valley 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, Harcourt Valley 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.
- When attending school camps, students are permitted to be out of school uniform unless otherwise stipulated.

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.
- Nails should be kept to a short length in the interest of safety and only clear nail polish is permitted.
- Temporary tattoos (body art) should not be visible.

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. Navy blue head bands, hair ribbons, "scrunchies" or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs are deemed acceptable. Hair ties used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time, by parent or student choice. School beanies are permitted to be worn from 1st May to Mid-August.

Hats and beanies 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 from Beleza, Castlemaine.

Harcourt Valley Primary School also have a small quantity of second-hand uniform for parents to purchase from the school office.

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/>

Harcourt Valley Primary School also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

IMPLEMENTATION

Harcourt Valley Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and start of each year. 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 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.

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

Harcourt Valley 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 <https://www.hvps.vic.edu.au/page/195/School-Policies>

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Harcourt Valley Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Harcourt Valley Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Harcourt Valley 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](#).

APPENDIX A: HARCOURT VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

The following items are **COMPULSORY:**

- Short sleeved polo top in school colours & logo
- Long sleeved polo in school colours & logo
- Fleece jumper in school colours & logo
- Grade 6 polo top in school colours & logo
- Navy blue broadbrim Sunsmart hat
- Blue check school dress
- Navy blue skorts
- Navy blue cargo shorts
- Navy blue cargo pants
- Navy blue fleecy track pants
- Navy blue microfibre pants
- Navy tartan winter pinafore
- Yellow skivvy (to be worn only with pinafore)
- Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Summer sandals with covered toes, black or navy school shoes or pull-on school boots or runners are permitted.
- No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

The following items are optional but are considered to be part of the school uniform.

- Fleece vest in school colours & logo
- Navy blue or white socks
- Sunglasses
- Navy blue coat
- Harcourt Valley Primary School beanie

All year round

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

Jumper or Vest

Navy fleece in school colours with school logo.

Polo shirts

Navy long and short sleeved in school colours 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 navy school shoes or pull-on school boots or runners are permitted.

No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

School Raincoat (Optional Item)

Navy Blue coat

Headwear

Navy blue or white head bands, hair ribbons, “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Hair ties used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

Summer Uniform – to be worn in Terms 1 and 4**Dresses**

Summer blue and white checked dress

Shorts

Plain navy-blue shorts without decoration or brand name

Winter Uniform – to be worn in Term 2 and 3**Pants**

Plain, navy blue track pants, microfibre or cargo pants without decoration or brand name

Skivvies

Gold skivvy to be worn with pinafore

Hats – to be worn from mid-August to 30 April

Navy broadbrim school hat with logo

Sports uniform

No requirements for sports uniform, it is recommended that sneakers be worn on days of PE lessons or interschool sports.