

## STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY



### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school principal on 03 9314 4919.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Yarraville Special Developmental 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 Yarraville Special Developmental 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 Yarraville Special Developmental school's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- 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

Yarraville Special Developmental School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

- Red jumper
- Red polo/tshirt
- Navy pants or navy skirt

### **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 mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) to 30 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.

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 Kmart and Best and Less.

#### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Principal or Assistant Principal 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/>

Yarraville Special Developmental school also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

Yarraville Special Developmental school will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students via our website. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

### **EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE**

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally. 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.

### **CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE**

Yarraville Special Developmental 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://yarravillesds.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Complaints-resolution-Policy.pdf>

## 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 transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Yarraville Special Developmental school Sunsmart Policy:  
<https://yarravillesds.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Sunsmart-Policy.pdf>
- Yarraville Special Developmental school Complaints Resolution Policy:  
<https://yarravillesds.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Complaints-resolution-Policy.pdf>
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#)

**REVIEW CYCLE:** This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four-year review cycle.

This policy was ratified by School Council on: 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021