



## Student Dress Code Policy

### **RATIONALE**

Narre Warren North Primary School is committed to child safety and establishing and maintaining child safe and child friendly environments where all children are valued and feel safe. We have zero tolerance of child abuse, and all allegations and safety concerns will be treated very seriously and consistently through our policies and procedures.

School uniform readily identifies students as belonging to our school community.

A uniform dress code 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 Dress Code.

### **PURPOSE OF THE POLICY**

To promote equality amongst all students

To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school

To provide durable clothing that is cost effective, practical for our school environment and is aligned with our school Sun Smart Policy.

To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community

This dress code has been developed by 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.

### **GUIDELINES FOR ACTION**

1. A Dress Code Policy shall be maintained that provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities and caters for the financial constraints of families.
2. All students in Prep to Year 6 adhere to the School's Dress Code Policy.
3. The Dress Code Policy applies during school hours and when students are on school excursions or sporting activities (unless otherwise permitted by the Principal). Students not in full uniform may not be able to attend excursions.
4. The wearing of 'sun-smart' hats is compulsory from September to the end of April. Hats are not to be worn inside.

5. The Student Dress Code will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
6. The Principal is responsible for implementation of the Student Dress Code Policy.
7. If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, parents will be contacted. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.
8. The only logo permitted on all clothing is the school logo.

**The ‘Student Dress Code’ consists of the following items:**

**WHOLE SCHOOL**

- Navy polo shirt with logo – short or long sleeve
- Navy shorts, pants or tracksuit pants
- Navy crew necked windcheater with logo
- Navy bomber jacket with logo
- Wide brimmed hat with logo – navy or gold
- Tracksuit – open legged/cuffed
- Plain ankle/crew/sports socks (not to knees) – white, black and navy.

**OPTIONAL**

- Full zip navy polar fleece jacket with embroidered school logo
- Navy polar fleece jacket with school logo
- Polar sleeve vest with school logo
- Waterproof spray jacket with logo
- Navy scarf
- School bag with logo
- Navy tights
- Navy beanie with no logo
- Gold or navy skivvy (to be worn under pinafore/tops)
- House coloured TShirt with school logo and House name on the back.
- Girls’ navy skorts/culottes (above the knee)
- Blue and white gingham dress
- Navy bootleg pants
- Navy detachable pinafore/winter tunic

***Please note: leggings, navy skirts, sport nylon skorts and hoodies are not part of the school uniform and must not be worn.***

**General appearance:**

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair including no graffiti
- 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.

**Optional Wear – Year 6 Jacket** (for current year, as approved by the Principal), to be worn by Year 6 students only.

**Hats** – September to April - all students in Prep to Year 6 are required to wear a wide brimmed hat. From 1<sup>st</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> August, beanies are permitted. These are not to be worn inside.

*Beanies must be navy or the blue/gold school beanie that has NWNPS on it.*

All headwear, eg clips, headbands, etc must be in school colours.

Baseball caps are not permitted.

**Sunglasses** – these are able to be worn at own risk.

**Jewellery** - Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches, are the only acceptable jewellery. Decorative jewellery such as bangles, bracelets, large hoops and earrings that dangle from the ear may not be worn, for safety reasons.

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

**Shoes** - Shoes are to have enclosed toes. Runners or school shoes are permitted

**Hair** – Hair that is shoulder length or longer is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

**Purchasing of Uniforms** - Uniform items can be purchased directly from Beleza.

### **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 in writing 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**

Narre Warren North 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 our website.

DET Policy

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/management/pages/dresscode.aspx>

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle

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