



# YGPS STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY



## Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand this policy, please contact Yarra Glen Primary School on 03 9730 1254 or [yarra.glen.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:yarra.glen.ps@education.vic.gov.au).

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Yarra Glen 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 Yarra Glen 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 Yarra Glen 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, such as excursions or events.

## UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

### Uniform Items

#### **Summer Uniform**

|                         |  |
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| Short sleeve polo shirt | Red with black/red collar and logo   |
| Shorts                  | Black  |
| Summer dress            | Red and white gingham check  |
| Skirt/skorts            | Plain black  |
| Bike shorts             | Black – must be at mid-thigh level or longer and visible below shirt/jumper      |
| Socks                   | Plain white or black socks   |
| Hat                     | Wide brimmed red hat with logo (bucket or slouch style) Caps are NOT acceptable. |

### **Winter Uniform**

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| Bomber jacket      | Black with red stripes and logo                                      |
| Hoodie             | Black with red stripes and logo (YGPS on back – Hood has red lining) |
| Winter skirt/skort | Black  |
| Pants              | Black (no brand names or jeans)                                      |
| Socks/Tights       | Plain black tights/socks or white socks                              |
| Hat                | Plain red/black beanie   |
| Raincoat/jacket    | Raincoats or jackets may be worn outside                             |

### **Footwear**

Year round Runners, school shoes or plain boots

Footwear should be sensible and practical for school activities and provide support and stability for the wearer. No steel capped boots, thongs/croc sandals or open toed footwear is to be worn.

### **House Sports Uniform**

T-shirt Plain shirt in house colours (red, royal blue, gold, purple - limited stock available at the office)

Uniform items not available through the YGPS Uniform supplier or second hand uniform shop are readily available at other outlets (Big W, Kmart, Target etc.).

### ***Specialised uniforms***

#### **Grade Six Graduation Tops (Not compulsory – voluntary basis only).**

- Graduation tops to be decided each year after discussion with Year Five students and staff.
- Decision to be made during Semester 2 by present Year Fives and staff.

### **School Bag**

A black school bag with logo is available, however is optional as long as an alternative suitable bag is provided.

### **General appearance**

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Yarra Glen 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. Due to safety reasons, long earrings are not allowed to be worn at school.

No make-up is to be worn at school.

### **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.

The only headwear that is acceptable is a SunSmart hat consistent with our SunSmart policy or plain coloured black or red beanies during Winter.

Hats are not to be worn inside. (An exemption is made for religious scarves; however these should be black or red to fit in with the uniform colours)

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities, however this is a parental decision. 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 the school office. The order form can be viewed in the newsletter or collected at the office. Payment must be made in full when uniform is ordered.

Good quality second hand uniforms can also be purchased from the office at low cost. We welcome clean, quality donations at any time.

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

Please contact the Principal or Office 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

Yarra Glen Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and newsletter. 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, a member of the Leadership Team (Principal/Assistant Principal/Wellbeing Coordinator) 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 Yarra Glen 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

Yarra Glen 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](#).

## 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

- Yarra Glen Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Yarra Glen Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Yarra Glen 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

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| Policy last reviewed       | July 2024   |
| Consultation               | March 2024 survey to all families   |
| Approved by                | School Council  |
| Next scheduled review date | June 2025 (yearly check for suitability)<br>June 2027 (full review if not needed prior to then) |