

Dress Code Policy

Overview

At Victor Harbor Primary School our Uniform Policy has been developed to:

- promote a positive image of the school
- create a sense of identity among students and the community
- support student safety through ease of identification
- make sure students are dressed appropriately for all school activities.

It is expected students will follow the school's dress code:

- during school hours
- while travelling to and from school
- when engaged in school activities outside of school hours.

All students and parents/carers of students enrolled at Victor Harbor Primary School have a role to play in encouraging the meeting of these standards.

Detail

Our colour code includes, navy blue, sky blue and white.



Polo Shirts

- Plain navy blue/sky blue or white.
 - Including Year 6 T-shirts, school musical, and Nunga.

Pants

- Plain navy blue pants e.g. trousers, track pants, leggings, jeans.

Not black. No holes, rips or tears.

Shorts/Skirts/Skorts

- Plain navy blue.

These must be no shorter than mid-thigh length, no bike shorts.

Dress

- Navy and white check

These must be no shorter than mid-thigh length.

Windcheaters/Jumpers and Jackets

- Plain navy blue, or school hoodie/jacket
 - Including camp tops and SAPSASA jumpers.

Hoodies, jackets and windcheaters that are patterned extensively, fur trimmed or include a sports club logo are NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Footwear

- Footwear should enclose the toe and heel and be suitable for all types of activities, including running and exercise.

Thongs, sandals, gum boots, crocs and heeled shoes are not acceptable for student safety.

Hats

- Non-corded broad brim or bucket hats in plain navy blue.

Sun safe hats are compulsory for all outdoor activities exceeding 15minutes in Term 1 and Term 4.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

Hair

- It is recommended that hair is to be tied back or plaited, as an effective precaution against the transmission of head lice. **Coloured hair is discouraged.**

Jewellery and Make Up

- Watches (not Smart watches), small earrings and medic alert bracelets are acceptable.

Smart Watches that take photos or make phone calls are not acceptable.

Excessive ear piercings, facial piercings, dangling earrings and large necklaces are not acceptable for student safety.

Make up is not to be worn.

Exemption

The principal may exempt a student from the school dress code or negotiate clothing choice, footwear, hair and hat use after receiving a written request from a parent/carer of the student. Grounds on which parents may negotiate or seek exemption include:

- religious (clothing or adornments, unless the item poses an unacceptable risk to safety)
- cultural or ethnic
- new students (time to purchase, wear previous uniform)
- itinerant and mobile students
- financial hardship
- genuine medical or family sickness reasons
- sensory needs of students with an identified disability- adjustment to be included in the student's One Plan.
- other additional grounds the principal may determine.

Disciplinary action

Appropriate strategies to handle students who continually refuse to support our school code could include:

- Speaking privately to the student to encourage them to observe the code
- Dress code reminder note sent home to parent/carers via student diary/Class Dojo
- Teacher/leadership will contact parent/carer via phone to discuss uniform refusal and possible solutions.
- negotiating with the student and parent/carer of the student- which could include providing students with appropriate uniform.
- establishing zones for non-uniform wearers, for example no hat, no play outside or play in the designated shaded area.
- limit schoolyard or oval access at break times
- prohibit excursions
- verbal/written warning to the student.

Roles and Responsibilities

Principal

Approve and adopt the governing council's proposed dress code for the school, after making reasonable amendments they see fit.

Determine the school's enforcement procedures and exemption conditions.

Give written notice to the parents/carers of each student of the dress code of the school and their right to request the exemption of the student from that dress code.

Enforce the dress code, except where students are exempt, and take appropriate disciplinary action in relation to intentional and persistent breach of that code.

Parents/Carers

Support the uniform policy and agreed responses to students who do not comply with the dress code.

Students

Comply with the school's dress code and follow reasonable directions from the principal and members of the teaching staff.

Communication and Review

- Consultation, discussion and sharing amongst teachers, students and parents/carers via various communication channels was undertaken when developing this policy.
- This policy was ratified by the Victor Harbor Primary School Governing Council May 2023
- The policy can be accessed via the school office or website.
- The policy will be reviewed biennially, review date May 2025

Uniforms are available for purchase from the Front Office or can be ordered via the school's QKR app. for collection from the office.

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