

# STUDENT DRESS CODE



## Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand this policy, please contact the school office

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Delacombe 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 Delacombe Primary 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 Delacombe'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



Delacombe Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

- Plain navy blue tracksuit pants
- Plain navy shorts at modest length (no bike, athletic shorts)
- Plain navy pants (no leggings)
- Plain navy skirts/skorts at knee length (may wear navy legging or tights underneath)
- Logoed burgundy polo shirts (long or short sleeved)
- Logoed burgundy windcheater
- Logoed navy blue polar fleece top
- Logoed navy blue polar fleece vest
- White or navy blue socks
- Runners or black school shoes/ gumboots in winter (no heeled boots)
- Students in grade 5 and 6 may wear a special SENIOR rugby top (these are not to be altered in anyway).
- Delacombe summer dress with socks.
- Logoed wide brim hat (Term 1 and 4)

Delacombe Primary School's optional items are as follows

- Logoed navy jackets
- Logoed beanie
- Plain navy blue, burgundy or yellow headbands, hair ribbons, scrunchies.
- Plain navy blue or burgundy headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs.

## GENERAL APPEARANCE

While at school, traveling to or from school or participating in school activities, Delacombe 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.
- Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

## 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.
- Hair is to be of natural colour. Not green, pink, purple etc.
- No extreme hairstyles eg: mohawks or spikes
- Hats and beanies are not to be worn inside
- Logoed wide brim school hats must be worn at all times when outside in terms 1 and 4

## PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Beleza School Uniforms 22 Doveton St S Ballarat Central (opposite Target) , or parents may order it directly from <https://beleza.com.au/>.

## SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY

Please contact the Principal or Wellbeing team 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

Delacombe Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website on compass and in our 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 uniform reflection will be given to the student and parents will be notified. 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**

Delacombe 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

Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)

Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

<b>Policy last reviewed</b>	Nov 2023
<b>Consultation</b>	Staff and School Council
<b>Approved by</b>	Principal
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