

SOUTH YARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT DRESS CODE

School councils must develop and review their student dress code in accordance with the Department's Student Dress Code policy guidance on the School Policy and Advisory Guide, available at the following link:

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

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline South Yarra 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 South Yarra 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 South Yarra 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

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

The full list of South Yarra Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, South Yarra 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 unobtrusive.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears are the only jewellery that is acceptable.

Cosmetics may not 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.

Hats are not to be worn inside. Culturally significant headgear is exempted.

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. No responsibility is taken by South Yarra Primary School or DET if students' sunglasses are lost or damaged.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from the Primary School Wear retail outlet in Port Melbourne, or parents may order it directly online from Primary School Wear at <http://www.psw.com.au/retail/schools/8160.aspx>

South Yarra Primary School Parents' Club also has some second-hand uniform available for sale. The school community is advised via Compass and the newsletter when second-hand uniform is available for purchase, usually once a term.

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/>

South Yarra Primary School also provides a change of uniform to students as required. Parents are asked to wash and return loaned items.

IMPLEMENTATION

South Yarra 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 phone call to parents will be made by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed and a subsequent 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 South Yarra 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. In the case, school uniform will be provided for all students involved.

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

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. The Principal is responsible for managing and conducting the exemption process.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

South Yarra 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 the SYPS website.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- South Yarra Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- South Yarra Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- South Yarra 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](#).

REVIEW CYCLE

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council on December 4th 2019 and is scheduled for review in 2020.

Please Note: School Council annually reviews the Dress Code to consider whether any amendments are required.

APPENDIX A: SOUTH YARRA PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

THIS APPENDIX IS NOT FINALISED. AS SOON AS SCHOOL COUNCIL HAVE MADE FINAL DECISIONS REGARDING THE UNIFORM SUPPLIER AND THE UNIFORM ITEMS TO BE OFFERED, THE APPENDIX WILL BE SHARED WITH THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

All year round

The following items may be worn all year round, with either the summer or winter uniform:

Jumper or Vest

TBC

Polo shirts

long and short sleeved with school logo.

Skorts

Plain navy skorts without decoration or brand name and in winter can be worn with navy blue tights/stockings.

Socks or tights/stockings

Navy blue, black or white socks

Navy blue tights/stockings

Footwear

Appropriate black, navy or white footwear is to be worn. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted. Brightly coloured shoe laces are not permitted.

School Rain Coat (Optional Item)

Navy Blue coat with and school logo

Headwear

Navy blue hair ribbons, navy blue or school dress fabric “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

Summer Uniform

Dresses

Summer school uniform dress – deep red, white and navy check

Shorts

Plain navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name

Winter Uniform

Pants

Plain, navy blue track pants without decoration or brand name

Skivvies

Hats – to be worn from mid-August to 30 April

Navy bucket hat or broad-brimmed hat with SYPS logo only.

Sports uniform

SYPS polo top with navy blue shorts/skirt/skort and/or track pants and SYPS jacket for warmth.

There are specific uniform requirements for students participating in specialist sports such as netball bibs, football or soccer tops. These items are provided by the school for the duration of the sports season.