

# Yarra Junction Primary School

School Number: 3216



## UNIFORM POLICY

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<b>References</b>	<b>Related Documents.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Education and Training Reform Act 2006</li><li>• DEECD - Implementing and Enforcing Dress Codes</li><li>• DEECD - Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Requirements</li><li>• Victorian Equal Opportunity Act 1995 – Section 40</li><li>• Education and Training Regulations 2007 - Section 16(1)(c)</li><li>• Equal Opportunity Act 1995</li></ul>



## **AIMS**

To promote equality amongst all students which will further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school. This will lead to maintaining and enhancing the positive image of the school in the community.

## **RATIONALE**

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. The school aims to provide durable clothing that is practical for our school environment as well as promote the safety of our students. It also helps to prevent bullying and competition on the basis of clothing and prepares students for the expectations of workplaces.

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

Yarra Junction Primary School is a full uniform school. It is an important security issue that all students are clearly identified by full school uniform. The School Council sets the uniform and the Principal and staff are required to enforce it. The school expects the co-operation of parents in maintaining a high standard of neatness and conformity with the students' uniform, as well as in general appearance.

After consultation with the Education Sub-Committee, School Staff and School Council we have developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities and caters for the financial constraints of families.

The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are on school excursions or representing the School.

The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and place of purchase, is published in the school newsletter and webpage. School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for the implementation of the Dress Code.

Arrangements can be made to subsidise uniforms via State Schools Relief or Principal's discretion for families experiencing economic hardship.

**DEFINITION - Dress Code**

- is a written statement of School Council expectations regarding student appearance
- applies:
  - during school hours
  - while travelling to and from school
  - when students are engaged in school activities out of school hours may:
    - define standards for the general presentation of students
    - set out broad guidelines about student appearance
    - require students to wear a school uniform
    - define specifications for garment design and colour.

**List of School Council Approved School Uniform**

**Girls**

Windcheater or Bomber Jacket  
(Logo/ Grade 6 image)  
Short Sleeve Polo Shirt (Logo)  
Green and Gold Waterproof Jacket  
Black Pants/ leggings  
Black Shorts  
Black Skirt/ skort—black tights optional  
Green and White Checkered dress  
Green checkered pinafore  
White socks  
Safe and appropriate footwear

**Boys**

Windcheater or Bomber Jacket  
(Logo/ Grade 6 image)  
Short Sleeve Polo Shirt (Logo)  
Green and Gold Waterproof Jacket  
Black Pants  
Black Shorts  
White socks  
Safe and appropriate footwear

Students in Grade 6 who have been awarded a leadership role will be provided with a coloured YJPS logo polo shirt. Students in these roles are able to wear these polo shirts as an alternative to the regular YJPS school uniform. These polo shirts may be requested not to be worn at public events, except for those students in a school captain role. An exception to the request would be for House Captains representing the school at Swimming events.

## **SCHOOL PROCEDURES – Dress Code**

1. The uniform is to be in good condition and worn with pride.
2. Students will wear the correct School uniform as per this policy. A note from a parent is required if a student is not able to wear complete uniform for a brief period.
3. Yarra Junction Primary School Sun hats must be worn accordance with Sunsmart Policy guidelines and optional school beanie in winter. Students must wear the school hat in the grounds but hats are not to be worn inside the school buildings.
4. It is recommended that long hair must be tied up.
5. No visible garments are to be worn under the uniform. E.g: long sleeve tops under short sleeve shirts
6. No slip on shoes can be worn.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **Parents and Caregivers**

It is the responsibility of the parents/carers to ensure their child attends school in correct uniform and complies with the School's Dress Code.

All Parents/Carers should ensure that they provide sufficient uniform items to allow for a change of clothing throughout the week, and to accommodate laundering.

All Parents/Carers must ensure that uniform items are not torn, hems/sleeves are not frayed (unkempt) and that all hems are sewn appropriately.

Parents/Carers should ensure all garments are clearly named and easily identified as their child's uniform.

Parents seeking exemptions to the Uniform Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the School Principal for consideration.

### **All Staff**

All staff are responsible for ensuring that all students are in correct uniform at all times. All staff members must report any student who is out of uniform to the Assistant Principal.

The school will operate a "Buy Back" scheme for good quality second hand uniforms, and will operate a second hand uniform store for parents.

## **CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE**

Students out of uniform or with an unkempt uniform, who have the required items at school, will be instructed to change. Students out of uniform or with an unkempt uniform, who do not have the items at school, will be provided with clothing out of the second hand uniform shop to change in to.