

# Wyndham Vale PS Student Dress Code



## Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school on 8754 0888

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Wyndham Vale 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 Wyndham Vale 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 Wyndham Vale 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 parents/caregivers/guardians.

## 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 Wyndham Vale 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, Wyndham Vale Primary School's 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 (not smart watches see Mobile Phones and other personal mobile devices) Policy, are the only acceptable jewellery, with the exception of necklaces for religious reasons. These are to be hidden underneath clothing for safety purposes. Nose or facial piercings, including rings on fingers are not permitted.

Cosmetics, fake nails and temporary tattoos (with exception for cultural reasons) 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.

Extreme hair colours (e.g.: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted. Discretion and decision in this instance rests with the Principal or nominated staff member.

Hair ties, clips and bows are to be Wyndham Vale Primary School colours of red, blue or yellow only and no bigger than a credit card size.

School uniform hats must be worn outside for Terms 1 and 4 as a component of our SunSmart Policy, which states "No Hat, No Play". If a student does not have a hat during Term 1 & 4 they will be asked to sit outside the library in designated shade area or participate in an indoor lunch club. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parents/caregivers/guardians or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

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.

## **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

Uniform items can be purchased at Noone in store at Shop 1/13 Barnes Place, Werribee Vic <https://www.noone.com.au/school/wyndham-vale-primary/shop>.

A small range of items such as hats and satchels are available for purchase at the front office.

Wyndham Vale Primary School also has a second-hand uniform available for parents/caregivers/guardians to purchase (cash only). Please enquire at the front office for availability.

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

Please contact the Principal or nominated staff member 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/>

Wyndham Vale Primary School also has uniforms available to borrow on request.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

Wyndham Vale Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all parents/caregivers/guardians and students through our website, Compass and or newsletter (once per term). 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/caregivers/guardians by the classroom teacher. If noncompliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal or nominated staff member will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and parents/caregivers/guardians to support compliance.

Measures taken by Wyndham Vale 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/caregivers/guardians may apply in writing 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, 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/caregivers/guardians 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/caregivers/guardians
- encourage the student and/or their parents/caregivers/guardians to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or nominated staff member 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/caregivers/guardians.

## CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Wyndham Vale 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 Complaint Policy, available on our school website.

## 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 or Compass
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent/caregiver/guardian information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available to view from school administration upon request

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Wyndham Vale Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Wyndham Vale Primary School Complaints Policy
- Wyndham Vale Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Wyndham Vale Primary School Mobile Phones (and other personal mobile devices) Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	30 March 2023
Consultation	School Council Curriculum and Policy Subcommittee
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	July 2024

## APPENDIX A: WYNDHAM VALE PS UNIFORM ITEMS

The school uniform of Wyndham Vale Primary School is compulsory, as authorised by the Wyndham Vale Primary School Council.

The options for the uniform are as follows:

Pictures can be seen here <https://www.noone.com.au/school/wyndham-vale-primary/shop?page=2>

### Jumper or Jacket

- Navy windcheater with or without WVPS logo (no visible brand names)
- Navy polar fleece jacket with or without WVPS logo (no visible brand names)
- Grade 6 windcheater with yearly design, including WVPS identification, student and staff names



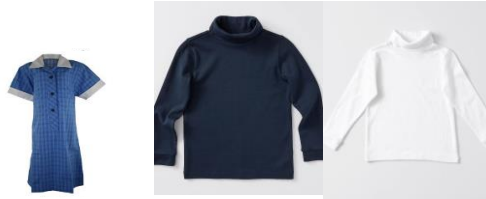
### Polo shirts and shirts

- Red long or short sleeve polo shirt with or without WVPS logo (no visible brand names)
- Blue and white button down long or short sleeve shirt with WVPS logo on upper left side



### Skivvies

- Plain red, navy blue or white skivvy can be worn under school uniform



### Dresses

- Summer dress – WVPS patterned light tartan cotton material
- Winter tunic – WVPS navy tartan



### Skorts

- Plain navy skort without decoration or brand name



### Shorts

- Plain navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name



### Pants

- Plain, navy blue track pants or trousers without decoration or brand name



### School Rain Jacket (Optional Item)

- Navy blue thin or thick shell zip jacket with or without WVPS logo (no visible brand names)

### Headwear

- Hair ties, clips and bows are to be Wyndham Vale Primary School colours of red, blue or yellow only and no bigger than a credit card size. Turban and head scarves need to be school colours (navy, red) white is also acceptable
- Plain navy beanie without decoration or brand name



### Hats – Must be worn in Term 1 and Term 4

- Navy blue bucket hat with WVPS logo
- Navy blue bucket or broadbrim without decoration or brand name.
- Caps or branded hats of any colour are not permitted.



**Socks or tights/stockings**

- White, navy or black socks without decoration, brand name or logo
- Navy tights/stockings without decoration, brand name or logo



**Footwear**

- Black shoes with no logos or other colours are to be worn at all times. Open-toed sandals, thongs, high heeled shoes are not permitted for safety reasons

