



# STUDENT DRESS CODE



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the Wilmot Road Primary School office on 03 5821 4953 or [Wilmot.road.ps.shepparton@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Wilmot.road.ps.shepparton@education.vic.gov.au)

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Wilmot Road 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 Wilmot Road 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 Wilmot Road 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 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.

## **POLICY**

### Uniform and appearance

The Wilmot Road Primary School Council maintains a policy of compulsory school uniform which comprises a dress code for both girls and boys in the established colours of purple and black. The benefits have been favourably recognised by the School Community. The compulsory nature of our uniform code is not negotiable but we will help to assist your child to be in uniform. If your child is out of uniform a note explaining the reason must be sent to the class teacher.

### General appearance

- 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

- Children are not to have temporary tattoo stickers on visible parts of their body.
- Ear piercing is the only acceptable form of body piercing, with a small stud or ring earring.
- A watch is the only other item of jewellery permitted. Smart watches can be worn, provided they have parental controls to disable phone call, message and camera functions in accordance with the school [Mobile Phone – Student Use Policy](#)
- Students will be asked to remove non permitted jewellery and will be asked to put item/s in their bag to take home.
- Cosmetics, including nail polish **may not** be worn at school.
- False nails of any kind are not permitted

### Hair and sun safety

- Extreme hair colours (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted.
- 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.
- 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

The Wilmot Road Primary School uniform shop stocks all uniform items (except shoes, socks, Muslim skirts and Muslim scarves). Track pants and shorts are readily available from local shops. The uniform shop is open between 3.00 pm and 3.20 pm each school day. The uniform shop will endeavour to have second hand uniforms for sale. A full list of Wilmot Road Primary School's uniform items is listed in **APPENDIX A**.

### Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the 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/>

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

Wilmot Road Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and a hard copy can be obtained from the school office. 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 by the classroom teacher. 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.

Measures taken by Wilmot Road 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.

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

Wilmot Road 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 our 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
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## **FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**

### **Related Policies**

- Wilmot Road Primary School's [Sunsmart Policy](#)
- Wilmot Road Primary School's [Parent Complaint Policy](#)
- Wilmot Road Primary School's [Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy](#)
- Wilmot Road Primary School's [Mobile Phone – Student Use Policy](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

### **Related Legislation**

- Ministerial Order under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 (Vic)
- Section 26(1)(c) — Education and Training Reform Regulations 2017 (Vic)
- Section 42 — Victorian Equal Opportunity Act 2010 (Vic)

## **POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

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## **APPENDIX A.**

### **WILMOT ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL'S COMPULSORY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

#### **Summer Uniform**

- Purple and white check dress
- Black shorts (no bike shorts)
- Plain black leggings (no sport leggings or logos)
- Purple polo shirt (with school logo) – short or long sleeved
- Purple windcheater or bomber jacket (with school logo)
- Sensible school shoes (no open-toed sandals)
- Bucket hat (with school logo)
- Muslim scarf – white
- Muslim skirt – long black

#### **Winter Uniform**

- Purple windcheater or bomber jacket (with school logo)
- Black track pants
- Plain black leggings (no sport leggings or logos)
- Purple polo shirt (with school logo) – short or long sleeved
- Sensible school shoes
- Muslim scarf – white
- Muslim skirt – long black