



Yarralinka PS Dress Code Policy

(Adopted by the Yarralinka Primary School Board on 26th June 2023)

RATIONALE

The Yarralinka Primary School community believes the school's Dress Code plays an important part in promoting a positive image of the school and creating a sense of identity for the students. As a school community we agree that a school dress code helps to:

- Instil pride in the school and build school spirit;
- Foster and enhance the public image of the school;
- Ensures students are safely dressed for specific school activities;
- Promotes a sense of identity and belonging in the school;
- Encourages equity among students; and
- Prepares students for work, as many work places have dress and safety codes.

The school Dress Code will involve a consultation process with the wider school community if any changes are to be made to it. Any review or future changes will be made with the approval of the School Board. For any new items/ major changes a suitable transition period will be considered within these changes. When financially viable, old stock should be exhausted from the school uniform provider before new items are introduced.

FAMILY RESPONSIBILITY

All families will receive a copy of the Dress Code and it will be included in the enrolment package. Acceptance of enrolment at Yarralinka Primary School assumes an agreement between the school, the family, and the enrolling student, that the student will dress within the guidelines of the school dress code.

Families are expected to purchase uniform items for their child's use in school activities. Items featuring the school logo as described in this Dress Code can be obtained from Uniform Concepts in Jandakot (24/26 Solomon Rd, Jandakot).

DRESS CODE ITEMS

Below are the approved School Dress code unisex clothing items that can be worn by students. The school Dress Code is to be worn to school each day and at official school events (e.g. excursions, sporting competitions, representation activities). We strongly encourage that all clothing items are labelled with your child's name.

Shirt

- Red and charcoal school polo shirt with school logo.
- Faction polo shirt (Green, Blue, Purple, Gold) with school logo can be worn on days when Physical Education lessons are scheduled and at designated sport events (e.g. sports carnivals).

Jackets/ Jumpers

- Red, yellow and charcoal microfibre jacket with school logo.
- Red, yellow and charcoal tricot jumper with school logo.

Pants/ Skirts/ Skorts/ Shorts

- Charcoal shorts, pants, skorts, sports skort, skirt or trackpants.

Hats/ Headwear

- The Yarralinka Primary School bucket hat is compulsory to wear.
- The school policy is "No School Hat- No Play" and runs all year round, including play, Physical Education, excursions and other designated events.
- Cultural headdress items (e.g. turbans, hijabs) are to be in the school colours of red/ yellow/ charcoal.

Footwear

- Enclosed shoes such as runners/ sneakers or school shoes.
- School sandal with an ankle strap.
- Socks can be any colour.

Year 6 Students

- Each year, our Year 6 students have an opportunity to purchase a Year 6 Leavers polo shirt as part of the Dress Code.

SCHOOL ACCESSORIES

Outlined below is what is approved as additional accessories a student may wear.

- All hair must be neat, pulled off a student's face and in natural colours/ tones. Students with long hair (shoulder length or longer) must have their hair tied back or up for safety reasons.
- Hair clips/ accessories are to be simple/ modest and in the school colours of red/yellow/charcoal.
- Earrings may be worn and must be sleepers or simple studs.
- Fingernails are to be kept short for safety reasons.
- One simple watch may be worn (any additional features/ smart watches are to be turned off the watch during the school day. Smart watches that take photos or are voice activated are not acceptable).

The school's Dress Code does not include the following items and they should not be worn to school:

- Any form of denim clothing.
- Board shorts, skate pants and similarly styled garments.
- Singlets and tank tops.
- Thongs, gum boots and slip-on/ backless footwear.
- For safety reasons body piercings are not permitted.
- Torn, ripped or dirty clothing.
- Hoodies and over-sized jackets
- Caps.
- Bracelets/ necklaces (unless it's an approved cultural or medic-alert item).
- Makeup including eyeliner, lipstick, mascara, foundation, nail polish, nail stickers and fake/temporary tattoos.
- Funky/ temporary hair colours are not acceptable at school (students may colour their hair for fundraising days and sports carnivals).

MODIFICATIONS TO THE DRESS CODE

Students who, for religious or health reasons, may wish to modify the school dress code are required to submit a written request to the Principal for consideration and approval. Staff will be informed of any students granted a modification to the dress code.

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE SCHOOL DRESS CODE

The school and School Board will focus on the positive promotion of the Dress Code, not the consequences for non-compliance. If students continually attend school out of school uniform, families will be contacted to discuss the issue with the Principal or Deputy Principal. If financial hardship is a reason for non-compliance, then assistance and support in obtaining suitable clothing will be included in this discussion. In accordance with the School Education Regulations 2000, any sanction for a student non-complying with this Dress Code will be limited to:

- Preventing the student from attending any activity in which the student would have been representing the school (e.g. sporting events, choir performances);
- Preventing the student from attending or participating in any school activity which, in the opinion of the Principal, is not part of the educational program.