

HARRISFIELD STUDENT DRESS CODE



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the school office on (03) 9546 9210.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Harrisfield 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 Harrisfield 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 Harrisfield 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. It is an expectation that students will wear attire with a Harrisfield logo during excursions.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Compulsory items to choose from:	
Windcheater	Maroon with white Harrisfield logo on the left side of the chest.
Bomber Jacket	Maroon with white Harrisfield logo on the left side of the chest.
Hooded top	Maroon with white Harrisfield logo on the left side of the chest.
Fleece Jacket	Maroon with white Harrisfield logo on the left side of the chest.
Fleece Vest	Maroon with white Harrisfield logo on the left side of the chest.
T-Shirt	Maroon crew or polo, long or short sleeve or white Harrisfield logo on left side of the chest.
Pants	Plain black or maroon, no stripes or patterns (not leggings).
Shorts	Plain black or maroon, no stripes or patterns (not bike shorts).
Skorts	Plain black (not netball/ tennis skirts).
Summer dress	Red and white check (Oct to May) For <i>religious reasons only</i> black leggings may be worn under summer dress. Parents must seek prior approval from Administration.
Shoes	Sensible enclosed toe.
Hat	Bucket.
Head scarves/ turbans	Must be black, white or maroon.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities including excursions, Harrisfield 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 completely hidden.

Jewellery and Cosmetics etc

- Watches may be worn but may be required to be removed for outdoor activities such as recess, sport or physical education lessons, as they have the potential to be caught on equipment and cause physical injury to the child. Smart watches: refer to Harrisfield Primary School's Mobile Phones-Student Use Policy.
- Ear studs or sleeper earrings may be worn unless required by a physical education staff member to be removed or covered.
- Earrings that 'dangle' or hang from the ear may not be worn at any time.
- Rings, studs or piercings on any other part of the visible body must not be worn at any time.
- Necklaces must not be worn at any time unless an exemption has been granted, as they are potential strangulation hazards.
- Rings or bracelets of any description should not be worn. Where bangles form a part of religious beliefs they must be removed/taped during any physical activity, where they can be caught on equipment and cause physical injury to the child.
- Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted and acrylic, gel, shellac, SNS, French tips or any type of extension nails are not acceptable.
- Tattoos (including temporary transfers) must not be worn.

Hair and Sun safety

- Hair must be neat, tidy and uncoloured. Excessive styles will not be accepted. Hair which touches the collar must be tied back with hair ribbons or bands of black, maroon or white colour, to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.
- School uniform hats must be worn outside from week 4 of term 3 to April 30th 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

Uniform items can be purchased from:

Beleza School Uniforms Dandenong
162 Cheltenham Road
Dandenong South 3175
(03) 9794 8775

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/>

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

IMPLEMENTATION

Harrisfield Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students- see Communication section below. 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 Harrisfield 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 acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

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.

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

Harrisfield 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 Harrisfield Primary School website.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website where applicable
- Saved on COMPASS under School Documentation
- Included in staff induction processes, staff training and child safety training processes
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions where applicable
- Included as annual reference as a COMPASS notification if required
- Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- SunSmart Policy
- Parent Complaint Policy
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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