



HARVEST HOME
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Help for Non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Harvest Home Primary School on 8468 9000 or email: harvest.home@education.vic.gov.au

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Harvest Home 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 Harvest Home 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 Harvest Home Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- Reduce student competition because 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.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Harvest Home Primary School's compulsory school uniform items is available at Appendix A to this policy.

General Appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Harvest Home Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms should be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should 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 hidden.

Jewellery and Cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. It is recommended that nail polish is not worn at school.

Hair and Sun Safety

Shoulder-length or longer hair should be tied back to help restrict the spread of Headlice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn outside during Terms 1 & 4. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time, by parent/carer 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 the PSW Store, Unit 4/5 Danaher Drive, South Morang

Harvest Home Primary School also operates a second-hand uniform option for families. The donation to families and/or sale of these takes place at times to suit the needs of the community. For example Prep Information evening.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal Class to discuss the 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/>

Harvest Home Primary School also has uniforms available to families to access upon request.

IMPLEMENTATION

Harvest Home Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and Compass as required. Assistance for students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible will be supported.

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, the family will be contacted to discuss supporting uniform compliance.

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 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

Harvest Home 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 upon request.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Harvest Home Primary School Sun Protection Policy
- Harvest Home Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Harvest Home Primary School Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#)

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Referenced in the staff induction process
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings, as required
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions, as required
- Included as annual reference in school newsletter, as required
- Made available in hard copy from a Principal class member, upon request

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	August, 2023
Approved by	Andrew Bouzikas (Principal)
Next scheduled review date	August, 2026

APPENDIX A: HARVEST HOME PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

Compulsory Items

The following items are compulsory and should not be modified:

Jumper or Jacket

- Round neck Windcheater: Navy with school logo
- Zip Up Jacket: Navy (orange & white rib) with school logo

Polo shirts

- Navy (& orange panels) with school logo - short-sleeved
- Navy (& orange panels) with school logo - Long-sleeved
- Orange (& Navy panels) with school logo - short-sleeved (Year 6 only)

Summer Dress or Box Pleat Tunic

- Summer Dress with Navy Check and orange trip
- Navy Box pleat tunic

School Hat

- Navy Bucket hat with school logo

Pants, Shorts, Skort or Skirt

- Navy in colour (can be purchased through PSW* or another supplier/store)
- Items should be plain Navy without branding or logos visible
**PSW is the school's preferred supplier*

Footwear

- Appropriate footwear is to be worn.
- Summer sandals with covered toes.
- Navy, black and/or black and white runners are permitted.
- No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.
- Branding and patterns on runners/shoes should be minimal.

Recommended Items

School Bag

- Explorer Backpack with Laptop insert with school logo

School Reading Satchel

- Scholar Bookbag – Navy with School Logo

School Art Smock (if the student is participating in Visual Art)

- Navy Art Smock (Cotton or Plastic)

Socks or tights/stockings

- Navy, white, or black socks
- Navy blue tights/stockings

Optional Items

School Rain Coat

- Navy Blue (with or without the School logo)

'Puffer Jacket' / Overcoat / Winter Jacket

- Navy Blue / Black / Dark in colour
- Branding and patterns on the Jacket/Coat should be minimal.

Beanie

- School Beanie only (Purchased only at the school office)

Headwear Accessories

- Navy blue, black, orange, and white headbands, hair ribbons, "scrunchies" or headwear cultural/religious beliefs.
- Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

PSW currently available items:

