



Quarry Hill Primary School

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Student Dress Code



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Quarry Hill Primary School

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Quarry Hill 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 Quarry Hill Primary 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 Quarry Hill 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.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Quarry Hill 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, Quarry Hill 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

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. 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.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August 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

Uniform items can be purchased from Lowes Bendigo Marketplace, 116 – 120 Mitchell Street, Bendigo VIC 3550

Quarry Hill Primary School's also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. This is located in office.

All prep students will be supplied with a school hat upon enrolment.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the office or Wellbeing Worker 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

Quarry Hill Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and the newsletter. 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 Quarry Hill 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 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

Quarry Hill 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.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- [Quarry Hill Primary School SunSmart Policy](#)
- [Quarry hill Primary School Parent Complaint Policy](#)
- [Quarry Hill Primary School 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

Policy last reviewed	February, 2024
Approved by	SC Approval
Next scheduled review date	February 2027

Appendix A

The Dress Code will be as follows:

Quarry Hill Primary School colours are navy, maroon and white.

Children are able to wear the following:

- navy/white checked school dress, navy pinafore or
- white, maroon or navy short or long-sleeved polo shirt with logo
- navy rugby top with logo
- bomber jacket with logo
- navy shorts, trousers or skorts
- ❖ Shoes are to be flat heeled with enclosed toes. Sneakers are preferable for all physical education activities.
- ❖ Socks & tights must be in school colours.
- ❖ Broad brimmed & bucket hats as issued by the school are to be worn for all outside activities from mid-August to April 30th. (In line with our Sun Smart Policy)
- ❖ Children are encouraged to wear clothing with the school logo. All other logos are unacceptable.
- ❖ Stripes on pants, shorts, shirts or windcheaters are not allowed.
- ❖ Shorts and trousers must be plain navy blue - denim clothing is not allowed.
- ❖ No jewellery to be worn except for ear studs and watches.
- ❖ Students are expected to wear their hair tied back when long enough to do so.
- ❖ Hair bands, ribbons, clips etc. must be in school colours.
- ❖ Sunglasses are acceptable but must comply with minimum ASA standards and be clearly named.
- ❖ In cold weather, skivvies or long sleeve t-shirts in school colours may be worn under uniform.
- ❖ Coats and wind proof jackets are preferred in school colours.