SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Clarinda Primary School

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If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Clarinda Primary School on 95443231 or clarinda.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Purpose

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Clarinda 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 Clarinda 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.

Rationale

School uniform contributes to a sense of collective and individual pride in students and enhances their identification with the school. A uniform promotes a supportive environment by eliminating the distraction of competition and fashion at the school. Individual student safety and group security will be increased through the ready identification of students at school, on excursions and when travelling to and from the school.

Aims:

- To promote individual and collective pride in the school
- For students to feel an equal part of the school community
- To ensure student's are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- To educate students to practise Sun Smart behaviour
- Enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community
- To provide, through the School Office, a uniform that is serviceable, neat and affordable.

Implementation:

1. Requirements

- The wearing of the prescribed school uniform is compulsory for all students
- Parents will be informed prior to enrolment that uniform is compulsory
- Exemptions from the wearing of the approved school uniform will be granted to meet religious requirements or religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, disabilities, or a particular health condition. Parents seeking exemption will need to discuss the issue with the Principal
- Children will only be permitted to go on excursions or be in school photos if in uniform
- All articles of uniform must be named
- On occasions there may be uniform free days that will be advertised to the community.

2. Allowed school uniform

- The uniform list defines school uniform
- An approved school hat is compulsory from the beginning of September to the end of April
- Individual cases of economic hardship will be assisted to the best of the School's ability

- The approved school dress is optional. If bike shorts are worn under the dress they must be navy blue. The bike shorts must not exceed the length of the dress
- Students will wear safe, enclosed, flat heeled black leather school shoes
- Year six students will have the option of a "special year six top" as well as approved uniform
- Girls and boys with shoulder length hair must have it tied back, in school colours
- Only studs or small sleepers may be worn in the ears
- Watches may be worn, however no Smart watches
- Religious jewellery must be worn under the clothing for safety reasons
- 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. No smart glasses are allowed.

3. Not allowed as part of the school uniform

- Jewellery is limited for safety reasons. Studs or small sleepers may be worn in the ears
- Makeup is not permitted
- No nail polish other than clear polish. This includes adhesive nails or nail extensions
- No extreme hair styles or hair colours
- T-shirts are not acceptable as they do not meet Sunsmart requirements
- Leggings are not permitted, however tights under dresses are permitted
- Decorative headbands and hair ties.

4. Purchase of school uniform

- Parents will have the option of purchasing shorts or tracksuit pants from alternative suppliers provided the garments are the same style and colours as the school uniform
- All polo tops, windcheaters and jackets **must** have the school logo displayed
- The Business Manager and Administrative Assistant will monitor stock levels
- Individual cases of economic hardship will be assisted to the best of the school's ability.

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 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.

Please contact the school office to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

Clarinda Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

5. Non-compliance

Parents will provide a written note if a child is out of uniform, specifying the reason why an exemption should be granted (as described in "Requirements" above)
If a note is not received:

1. *First, the classroom teacher will discuss non-wearing of uniform with the student*
2. *If there is a subsequent breach, the Principal will contact the parents to discuss how the matter may be resolved.*
3. *If continued breaches of the Uniform Policy occur parents will be asked to attend an interview with the Principal.*

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 in writing 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 financial 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

Clarinda 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 *Complaint Policy*.

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 at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

Policy review and approval

Policy last reviewed	October 2026
Consultation	School Council, Principal
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	2027

Uniform list

Tops:
Navy windcheater
Navy hemmed windcheater
Navy bomber jacket
Navy polo shirt with **long** sleeves
Navy polo shirt with **short** sleeves
A sport polo shirt will be the preferred short sleeved option for all students

Dress & Skort:
Blue & white tartan dress
Skort (skirt/shorts combined)

Pants:
Navy tracksuit pants
Navy bootleg pants
Navy basketball style shorts
Navy cargo shorts
Navy bike shorts (to go under dress if desired)
Navy sports briefs

Socks & Tights
Navy or white socks
Navy tights

Shoes:
Black shoes
Runners may be worn during sporting activities

Hats:
Navy slouch hat
Navy bucket hat
Navy or red beanie for winter

School bag with Clarinda school logo is available

Please note the following items are not part of the school uniform

◊ T-shirts ◊ leggings ◊ brightly coloured runners ◊ decorative headbands and hair ties

◊coloured and/or adhesive nails ◊ baseball caps ◊ coloured hair/extreme hairstyles

School Uniform

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Enclosed is a copy of our School Uniform Policy. Please note that your child did not attended school today in the approved uniform. If you are having difficulty adhering to the policy, please contact the school to discuss the issue so we can support you and your child to comply with the school requirements.

Name of child: _____ *Grade:* _____

Item of uniform needing attention:

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