



DPS DRESS CODE



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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Darnum 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 Darnum 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 Darnum 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 Darnum Primary School's 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, Darnum Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing (of school / neutral colour) may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students should make sure that they do not wear any valuable jewellery items as the school cannot be held responsible for the security of these items.

Students should also be sure not to wear any jewellery that is going to pose a safety risk, for example, dangly earrings.

Cosmetics should not be worn by students.

Hair and Sun safety

It is encouraged that shoulder length or longer hair be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

SunSmart compliant hats must be worn outside between the dates set out by the school's SunSmart Policy and on any other day prescribed by the school. Hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

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.

PURCHASING OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Beleza in Williams Square, Warragul.

Darnum Primary School Parents' Club also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. Items are located at the office and are for sale for \$5.00 per item.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Business Manager 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/>

Darnum Primary School also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

IMPLEMENTATION

Darnum Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through the family handbook and school newsletters.

The Darnum Primary School School Council acknowledges the context of the school. The school does not take a hard-line approach to the compliance of the wearing of school uniform. The staff will remind students of the expectations of uniform and the school will publicise the expectations in handbooks and newsletters. Only in the case of extreme variation from the policy, or a continued/deliberate defiance of the policy and expectations will the school implement the below actions.

Students not wearing appropriate uniform items may be asked to change into a appropriate item of uniform provided by the school.

Measures taken by Darnum 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 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.

NOTE: The Department's policy on [Student Dress Codes](#) requires the Principal or delegate to provide written reasons when not allowing an exemption. It also states that the Principal is responsible for managing and conducting the exemption process. In exceptional circumstances another staff member at the school or regional office may be appointed to consider an exemption request.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Darnum 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 request.

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy is scheduled for review in April 2026



UNIFORM LIST



SHIRTS

- Darnum Primary School logo navy polo shirt

JUMPERS/JACKETS

- Darnum Primary School logo navy hoodie
- Darnum Primary School logo navy spray jacket
- Navy Darnum Primary School bomber
- Navy polar fleece jacket

SHORTS/PANTS/SKORTS/SKIRTS

- Plain navy pants
- Navy blue school shorts
- Summer skorts available in plain navy or checked dress fabric
- Skirt in plain navy or checked dress fabric
- Navy or white tights

DRESSES

- Checked summer dress (blue/white)

HATS

- Darnum Primary School logo broad brim hat
- Darnum Primary School logo bucket hat
- A plain beanie
- Non-school logo hat that is a legionnaire (flap at the back), broad-brimmed or bucket style that protects the face, neck or ears when outdoors.

SHOES

- Darnum Primary School encourages students to wear sensible footwear that they are comfortable in. We encourage shoes that provide students the ability to be active.
- For safety, the following shoe types are **not** permitted: any open footwear (sandals, thongs, open toes), any shoe with heels higher than 2cm, steel cap shoes, spiked sports shoes (unless for use in sporting activity only), slippers (except for classroom use), crocs. If in doubt, please check with the school.

NOTES

- Skivvies / undershirts can be worn underneath school shirt to maintain warmth (of school or neutral colours)
- On days when students have PE / Sport, students should ensure they wear appropriate uniform items for active play
- On days of Free Dress, singlets, clothing with offensive words/slogans and clothing that is deemed inappropriate by the principal may not be worn.