



Woody Yaloak
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Student Dress Code

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Woody Yaloak 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 Woody Yaloak 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 Woody Yaloak 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

Dress codes with gender specific requirements are not necessarily discriminatory under the law, unless one gender is treated less favourably than the other because of the dress code. However, Department policy requires schools and school councils to develop, as far as practicable, dress code requirements that are similar for both sexes. Where options are available, they should be available to all students.

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Woody Yaloak 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.



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- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- Any make up or nail polish must be natural/neutral tone only
- Natural hair colours are preferred. Extreme hair colour is not recommended (unless at special events). Extreme hairstyles (eg: mohawks) are not encouraged

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

Students who wear braids or locs may wear them loose, except for applied technology classes where hair should be tied back for safety purposes.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) 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 Beleza (Doveton St, Ballarat)

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.

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

IMPLEMENTATION

Woody Yaloak Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, newsletters and other social media platforms. 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.



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If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, contact will be made with parents / carers. 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 Woody Yaloak 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
- 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.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Woody Yaloak 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*.

Woody Yaloak Primary School's **compulsory** school uniform items are as follows:



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- **Refer to appendix A for images of school uniform**

- School polo and jumper must be navy blue with school logo
- School navy track pants (no logo)
- Navy drawstring shorts (no logo) Shorts should be of mid thigh length (no sports or running shorts including footy shorts or short bike pants)
- Summer dress can be worn in any term. Navy tights can be worn with the summer dress
- Navy skort and skirts can be worn with/without tights
- Navy full length leggings can be worn
- Winter tartan dresses with navy tights can be worn
- Navy broadbrim with school logo.
- Navy blue, black or white socks can be worn
- Appropriate footwear should also be worn by students. No open toed or slip-on shoes.
- School Council may approve the use of a special item of uniform that conforms to the following guidelines: colours consist of Navy and Gold, the school logo appear prominently, if the item is a shirt then it must be a polo type shirt, and that the final design be approved by the Principal or nominee.
- Grade 6 top to be consistent with school colours and designed to support the dress code aims
- School polo shirts, jumpers and wide brimmed hats must be navy blue, with the school logo
- Cultural/religious headwear / jewellery may be worn as required.

Woody Yaloak Primary School's **non-compulsory** school uniform items are as follows:

- Navy blue skivvies can be worn underneath a piece of compulsory school clothing
- Navy school rain coat with logo
- School beanie
- Other items as determined by school council.

Woody Yaloak Primary School's **general items** are as follows:

Jewellery and cosmetics

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

Cosmetics may not be worn at school unless authorised by the Principal/Campus Head

Enforcement of uniform

- Unless directed by a staff member or approval by the Principal, all jackets, beanies, gloves, scarves (both school and non-school) are not to be worn inside.
- Unless directed by a staff member or approval by the Principal, hoods on school approved items are not be worn inside.



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FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Woody Yaloak Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Woody Yaloak Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Woody Yaloak 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](#).

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

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POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	November 18th 2024, School Council meeting
Consultation	School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	Nov, 2027



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NOTE: The department's Student Dress Code policy requires School Councils to decide annually whether or not amendments or a full review of the dress code is required.



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APPENDIX A: WOODY YALOK UNIFORM ITEMS

Woody Yaloak Primary School's **compulsory** school uniform items are as follows:

Woody Yaloak Primary School Polo (purchased from Beleza)



Navy with 2 Gold Trim



Navy



Woody Yaloak Primary School Jumper (purchased from Beleza)

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Navy broadbrim hat with school logo. (Purchased from school)



Other (non logo):

- School navy track pants (no logo) or navy drawstring shorts (no logo)
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- Navy skort and skirts can be worn with/without tights
- Navy leggings can be worn
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- Navy blue, black or white socks can be worn
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Example Samples (parent/carer's preference of where to purchase)





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Smythesdale - Snake Valley - Scarsdale - Ross Creek



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SPRAY JACKET W/ POLAR FLEECE LINING



POLAR FLEECE JACKET





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