

Student Dress Code Policy

North Melbourne Primary School

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SCHOOL Nº 1402

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Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact North Melbourne Primary School on 03 9329 6902.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline North Melbourne 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 North Melbourne 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:

- encourage students to develop pride in their appearance
- support North Melbourne Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.

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

North Melbourne Primary School has an optional school uniform. The full list of North Melbourne School's optional school uniform items are available at from The School Locker – ACU Fitzroy.

General appearance

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

- Clothing must be clean and in good repair
- Removable items must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Clothing must be appropriate for learning and playing
- Shoes must be fully enclosed, covering the toe.
- Bottom clothing items must be of appropriate length (no shorter than just above the knee)
- Students are not permitted to wear clothing that exposes specific parts of the body including; shoulders and stomachs



Jewellery and cosmetics

Students can wear jewellery that sits flush on the skin. For example: Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches on the wrist.

Cosmetics must not be worn at school.

Hair and Sun safety

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

Wide brimmed hats must be worn outside in Term 1 and 4. Hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats, hoodies and beanies 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

North Melbourne Primary School's optional uniform items can be purchased directly from The School Locker – ACU Fitzroy : <https://theschoollocker.com.au/schools/north-melbourne-primary-school/>

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the front office on 03 9392 6902 or north.melbourne.ps@education.vic.gov.au and your enquiry will be directed to the Principal or the Wellbeing team 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

North Melbourne 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.

If a student breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the 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.

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 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 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

North Melbourne 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 school website.

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
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- North Melbourne Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- North Melbourne Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- North Melbourne 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

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