



## ***Student Dress Code Policy***

Yarrabilba State Primary School community is committed to maintaining a culture of high standards in all that we do. As such our school has a Student Dress Code Policy that ensures our students represent themselves and our school to the highest standards each and every day. Consistent dress standards establish a positive and united school community identity. The Student Dress Code Policy is supported by our school community and aligned with section 364 & 365 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006.

It is an expectation that upon student enrolment at Yarrabilba State Primary School that parents consent to uphold our Student Dress Code by way of signing the ***Enrolment Agreement Form***.

The Student Dress Code Policy provides for the following:

- Standards of what is acceptable in relation to the clothing worn by the students, including headwear and footwear;
- Standards of what is acceptable in relation to other aspects of the personal presentation of the students.

Our student dress code consists of an agreed standard and items of clothing. This includes a school uniform that all students will wear when:

- attending or representing their school;
- travelling to and from school; and
- engaging in school activities out of school hours.

Yarrabilba State Primary School Student Dress Code aims to contribute to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:

- incorporating recommendations of the Queensland Cancer Council Sun Safe clothing guidelines
- identification of students at school and on excursions
- fostering a sense of belonging
- developing mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic or social difference
- promotes an effective teaching and learning environment by eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at school.

At Yarrabilba State Primary School the expectation is that each day students will wear the agreed Yarrabilba State Primary School uniforms as outlined overleaf.

### **Special Circumstances**

Our Student Dress Code incorporates strategies to accommodate special needs and circumstances of students. These arrangements are negotiated between parents and the Principal. Examples of special circumstances may include:

- student medical conditions (allergies etc.);
- student disability, physical attributes or requirements;
- religious, ethnic or cultural background;
- economic hardship;
- constraints of time and economic hardship at the time of enrolment.

Parents seeking an exemption to aspects of the Student Dress Code must consult with the Principal for her consideration.

## **Our School Uniform**

*All items should be clearly marked with the owner's name to assist with return if lost.*

<b>Uniform Items and Standard</b>	
Shirt	Yarrabilba State School unisex polo shirt with school logo. * Any other shirts worn underneath the school uniform should not be visible.
Sports Shirt	Plain coloured T-shirts in house colours can be worn on designated sports days.
Bottom	Navy shorts or navy skorts. Length of shorts/skort should be approximately mid-way between knee and thigh.
Footwear	Enclosed black school shoes or black joggers/sports shoes with laces or Velcro suitable for daily physical activity. *Due to workplace, health and safety canvas shoes are not acceptable footwear.
Socks	White socks.
Hat	Years 1 – 6: full brim hat to meet sun safe guidelines. Prep: full brim school hat teal and navy
Winter Uniform	Yarrabilba State School zip up jacket – microfiber – Yarrabilba State School tracksuit pants – microfiber to match school jacket If you are unable to purchase a school jacket, jumper or tracksuit pants we ask that your child wear a plain navy jumper without any patterns or logos.
School Bag	School bag – Yarrabilba State School logo print Students are encouraged to use the Yarrabilba State School back pack. Alternatively, students may use a plain navy school bag with no markings.
<b>Jewellery</b>	
Watch	One wrist watch only.
Rings	One signet ring only.
Earrings	One set of plain sleepers or plain studs in the earlobe.
Facial and Body Piercing	Observable body piercing is totally banned. Students are not allowed to wear nose studs, tongue studs, eyebrow studs or earrings. Students are not allowed to cover pierced objects with band aids nor are plugs or retainers acceptable. Religious piercings require approval by the Principal.
Necklaces, bracelets and anklets	Medical alert necklaces or bracelets are permitted No other necklaces, bracelets or anklets unless parent applies to the Principal in writing for an exemption based on religious, ethnic, cultural, disability or health reasons. For safety reasons, all necklaces worn with Principal's permission must be worn out of sight.
<b>Appearance</b>	
Hair	Hairstyles are to be conservative. Excessiveness in style (e.g. spikes, Mohawks, rats tails, tracks etc), gel or cut is not acceptable. Hair should be of a natural colour and extreme hair colour (e.g. green, purple etc.) is not acceptable. Hair that is shoulder length or longer should be tied back with appropriate accessories preferably in school colours (navy, orange and teal) regardless of gender. Long hair must be tied or pinned away from eyes.
Cosmetics	Sunscreen can be worn. No false nails are allowed but <u>clear</u> nail polish is acceptable. No make-up.
Tattoos	No visible markings/drawings on skin including stick-on tattoos.

Special Activities	
Special events including: Camps Excursions Free Dress Days	<p>Students are permitted to wear acceptable and reasonable clothing instead of their school uniform when participating in activities such as camps, some excursions and free dress days.</p> <p>Clothing and accessories should be modest and tidy and of a standard that is deemed safe, appropriate and not likely to cause offence. No inappropriate wording is to be displayed and covered footwear is required. As per sun safe requirements, shirts are to cover the shoulders and midriff.</p> <p>In line with Education Queensland's Sun Safety Strategy children are required to wear swim shirts for all water activities. If parents are unable to provide a swim shirt, we will allow students to wear a t-shirt instead.</p> <p>All students are to wear safe footwear (must be covered in; no thongs, high heels etc).</p>

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The school dress code policy DOES NOT include any other item of clothing or accessory, other than that included in the list of uniform items.

- No denim or surf shorts are allowed.
- No thongs, sandals or slip on shoes can be worn.
- No brightly coloured shoe laces.
- No visible mid-riffs, waist bands or sweat bands.
- No footless stockings, patterned stockings or leggings are acceptable.
- No make-up.
- No coloured nail polish.

**Monitoring the School Uniform:**

Regular routine and random uniform checks will occur. The Principal should be contacted immediately and confidentially if a family is in difficult financial circumstances.

Any students with inappropriate items (e.g. jewellery) will have them removed for the day for the first offence. The School Staff may apply the following sanctions on any student who does not comply with our schools Dress Code:

- No hat, no play (under cover play only).
- Not sun safe, no play/ no water activity.

**Non-compliance with Student Dress Code Policy:**

Students unable to wear their uniform for good reason are required to bring a note from their parent/caregiver indicating when the student will be able to wear their uniform.

A number of strategies may be employed by the school staff in the event students are non-compliant with the school's mandatory Student Dress Code. These strategies will be compliant with the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006.

Strategies include:

- Seeking parental support for compliance e.g. letter or telephone call.
- Requesting correct uniform be brought to school for the student.
- Assisting students with genuine economic hardship to acquire uniform e.g. uniform loan.
- Imposing a penalty, e.g. reflection time.

Continued breaches will incur a stronger penalty.

- Preventing the student from taking part in a school event outside the school.
- Preventing the student taking part in a school activity that is not part of the essential education program of the school.

**Whatever the strategy implemented it is the intention of the school Administration to ensure every student complies with the Student Dress Code Policy every day.**