

SCHOOL UNIFORM & DRESS CODE POLICY

PURPOSE

A school uniform creates a sense of collective and individual pride in students, strengthens school community spirit and prevents bullying and competition based on clothing, allowing all students to feel equal. It ensures that students are dressed appropriately for school activities taking into consideration their health and safety.

AIM

To provide students with a comfortable and serviceable uniform suitable to seasonal conditions and for both learning and play activities.

IMPLEMENTATION

- The school uniform enables students to safely engage in the many varied school activities while catering for the financial constraints of families.
- The correct wearing of school uniform applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are on school excursions.
- All children attending Drouin West Primary School must wear the correct school uniform. School uniform is available from:

Beleza School Uniforms Warragul

Shop 5/6 Williams Square Warragul VIC 3820

Ph: (03) 5622 2930

<https://store.beleza.com.au/36-drouin-west-primary-school->

- A uniform list with prices is available to families and will be included in school enrolment packs
- All children are expected to attend school in clean, well maintained uniform and keep a high level of personal hygiene.
- School Council requires that the Principal be responsible for implementing the school uniform in a manner consistent with the aim of this policy.
- Uniform support for families experiencing financial hardship can be arranged through agreement with the Principal or Assistant Principal via State School Relief or other organisation.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must notify the Principal in writing.
- The only acceptable jewellery items are stud earrings and sleepers (plain gold or silver) and watches.
- Cosmetics and facial piercings must not be worn at school.

- Headwear and hair ties must be consistent with school colours (eg. Navy, Maroon or Gold)
- School shoes or runners must have an enclosed toe and be able to be secured with laces, Velcro or buckles. Foot wear such as slip on shoes and ballet flats are not permitted.
- In wet conditions, students are encouraged to bring gumboots and slippers to school so their feet stay warm and dry.
- Donation of second hand uniform items can be made to our office to help with emergency wear and second hand sales.
- Second hand uniform items are available for purchase at the office for \$2 per item. Proceeds raised will be put towards student welfare and wellbeing.
- As a SunSmart school it is compulsory for students to wear an approved hat school hat whenever they are outdoors during Terms One and Four. Children who do not bring a hat for these activities will be restricted to an undercover area during outdoor play times.
- Students may wear beanies, scarves gloves, and an over coat in navy to keep warm during outside play.
- Students may use an alternative bag to the Drouin West Primary School Uniform Bag.
- Parent/guardians are required to send a note to the classroom teacher if their child is out of uniform. The classroom teacher will monitor notes and contact parents and the school Principal if a child is consistently producing an out of uniform note.
- Children who are out of uniform without a parent/guardian note will be issued with an 'Out of Uniform Notification' which indicates the reason for the notification and must be signed by a parent/guardian.
- On Free Dress days the SunSmart and appropriate footwear guidelines still apply.

COMPULSORY ITEMS	OPTIONAL ITEMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polo shirt with logo (long or short sleeves) • Navy shorts • Navy windcheater with logo OR • Navy bomber jacket with logo • Appropriate school shoes or runners • Maroon hat (broad brimmed or legionnaires flap cap). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy beanie, scarf and gloves • Navy skivvy • Long navy Trousers • Navy winter dress (pinafore) • Summer dress (school material) • Cancel Council recommended sunglasses • Navy leggings* • Navy bicycle shorts* <p>*THESE ITEMS ARE NOT TO BE WORN AS OUTERWEAR</p>



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COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Made available in hard copy form from school administration upon request
- Included in family Enrolment packs
- Referenced in the school newsletter and at staff briefings when necessary

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

Department of Education and Training policies and resources:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-dress-code/policy>

<http://www.drouinwest.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2021-SunSmart-Policy.pdf>

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	2025 or as necessary



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OUT OF UNIFORM NOTICE

Date:.....

Dear:.....

Today your child was not wearing the designated school uniform.

As such, this first reminder has been issued.

We ask that you please contact us if there is a legitimate reason why your child is not wearing the required uniform as we may be able to help. A copy of the official school uniform policy accompanies this notice. The *School Uniform Policy* is made in consultation with School Council and the full policy can be viewed on our website **drouinwest.vic.edu.au**

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OUT OF UNIFORM NOTICE

I understand that my child was not wearing the designated school uniform today and will endeavour to comply with this school policy in future.

Signed:.....

(Parent/guardian)