

Student Dress Code



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the Niddrie Primary School Administration Office on T. 9379 6587 or via email on e.

Niddrie.ps@education.vic.gov.au

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Niddrie 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 Niddrie 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 Niddrie 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.

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 Niddrie Primary School's compulsory 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, students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth – if visible, these must be black, white or blue.
- Additional layers of clothing worn underneath the uniform or hats with slogans that may be offensive to others are not permitted
- No make up or fake nails to be worn
- Shorts must be of an appropriate length, sitting at approximately mid-thigh, to ensure they are practical and suitable for school activities.



- Fully enclosed shoes must be worn at all times e.g. sneakers or school shoes. Footwear should be comfortable, supportive and appropriate for everyday school activities.

Health and safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is recommended (but not compulsory) to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.

Students may wear jewellery provided it does not pose a safety risk or interfere with their ability to participate fully in school activities.

Students who wear braids or locs may wear them loose.

Sunsmart appropriate bucket or broad rim hats must be worn outside from 1 September to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school. These 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.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased directly from TOP SCHOOL WEAR 137 Military Road, Avondale Heights 3034 Phone: 9331 1066 Email: info@topschoolwear.com.au

Niddrie Primary School's Parents' Group also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. Families can order second hand uniform from our school office.

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 school to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Niddrie Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and Compass. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, parents will be contacted 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.



Measures taken by Niddrie 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 financial 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

Niddrie Primary School's 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 <https://niddrie.vic.edu.au/about-us/#policies>

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Sunsmart Policy
- Parent Complaint Policy
- 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

Policy last reviewed	October 2026
Consultation	School Council September & October 2026 School Community September 2026
Approved by	School Council October 2026
Next scheduled review date	October 2027



APPENDIX A: NIDDRIE PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

SHORT SLEEVE POLO – school colours and logo compulsory

LONG SLEEVE POLO - school colours and logo compulsory

BOMBER JACKET - school colours and logo compulsory

SPORT DRESS - school colours and logo compulsory

SHORTS - Black (sitting at approximately mid-thigh)

TROUSERS/TRACKPANTS/LEGGINGS – Black (double knee full elastic waist recommended)

Optional - RAIN JACKET (school logo optional)

Optional - BEANIE – (school logo optional)

Hats – to be worn from 1 September to 30 April

Hat – Bucket - black or blue (school logo optional)

Hat – Broad brim - black or blue (school logo optional)

Shoes

Students may wear either suitable runners or traditional school shoes.

Other optional Items available at the uniform supplier

SCHOOL BAG – (school logo optional)

Book Folio – With school logo

TIGHTS – Black

ART SMOCK

Uniform Supplier:

TOP SCHOOL WEAR

137 Military Road Avondale Heights 3034

Phone: 9331 1066

Email: info@topschoolwear.com.au

Monday - Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm

Sat 9.00am - 12.00pm

Closed on Sunday and Public Holidays

Exchange and Refund Policy

(1) No exchange without a receipt

(2) No exchange on sale items

(3) No refund unless product is faulty or doesn't match the description that it was described to do

(4) Management reserves its right to inspect goods prior to giving a refund

(5) Exchanges must be within 21 days of purchase

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SCHOOL UNIFORM OPTIONS

OPTION 1 LONG TOP & LONG PANTS



LONG SLEEVE POLO TOP



LONG PANTS

OPTION 2 SHORT TOP & SHORT PANTS



SHORT SLEEVE POLO TOP



SHORT PANTS

OPTION 3 SHORT TOP & LONG PANTS



SHORT SLEEVE POLO TOP



LONG PANTS

OPTION 4 BOMBER JACKET & SHORT PANTS



BOMBER JACKET



SHORT PANTS

OPTION 5 SUMMER DRESS



SUMMER DRESS



Uniforms must be clean, in good condition and worn with either suitable runners or traditional school shoes.

OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS

BEANIE



LIBRARY BAG



HAT



BUCKET HAT



JACKET



BACKPACK



These items can be purchased without the logo, however they will need to be **blue or black**.