NARRE WARREN SOUTH P-12 COLLEGE
Getting the best from and for our students

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

Help for non-English speakers
If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school office Narre Warren South P-12 College on 9704 3333.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Narre Warren South P12 College'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 Narre Warren South P12 College'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 Narre Warren South P12 College'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 Example School's compulsory school uniform items is available as 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, provided these undergarments are in the school colours – dark blue, yellow or white.
- Clothing must no include branded pants, shorts, skirts, skorts and socks

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.

Primary School uniform hats must be worn in accordance with the Sun Protection Policy 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 directly from

- Beleza School Uniforms
  Address: 126 High Street, Cranbourne
  Website: www.beleza.com.au
  Email: beleza@beleza.com.au
  Telephone: 5996 6861

Support for families experiencing difficulty

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 college on 9704 3333 to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

Narre Warren South P12 also has second hand uniform items available to families upon request.

IMPLEMENTATION

Narre Warren South P12 College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through

- College Website, Compass and Social Media
- Student Assemblies
- Enrolment packs 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, the classroom teacher will complete a compass chronicle for the student and parents. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the relevant Sub School Assistant 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 as per Appendix A in Support and Uniform Loans.

Measures taken by Narre Warren South P12 College 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 Sub School Assistant 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 Sub School Assistant 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 Sub School Assistant 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

Narre Warren South P12 College 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 School Policies - Narre Warren South P-12 College

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website and Compass
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Narre Warren South P12 College Sun Protection Policy
- Narre Warren South P12 College Parent Complaint Policy
- Narre Warren South P12 College Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training Student Dress Code Policy
- Department of Education and Training Student Engagement Policy

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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