Yinnar Primary School
STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact our office on 51 631 362 or email yinnar.ps@education.vic.gov.au

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Yinnar 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 Yinnar 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 Dress Code will take precedence over a student's individual preference. It applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, when students are engaged in school activities and/or excursions, both in and out of school hours.

Cultural and religious requirements may be accommodated in consultation with the parents/carers and the Principal. Jewellery and cosmetics must be kept to a minimum. (ie. studs, watch, nail polish). Long hair shall be tied back with small hair ties or scrunchies in school colours of Navy and Gold. Student safety is a priority in determining suitability of individual items.

The school will provide strategies to support families experiencing economic hardship to obtain low cost uniforms. Exemptions or concerns regarding the dress code should be addressed in writing, to the Principal.

Opportunities for 'Free Dress' days will be made available during the school year, with the approval of the Principal.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Yinnar 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

Yinnar Primary School official school colours are Navy and Gold. Garments that fall within the school's dress code indicated below and in Appendix A.

- navy tracksuit pants
- navy windcheater**
- navy rugby windcheater with gold trim**

- navy shorts or skorts
- navy or gold polo shirt** (long or short sleeve) *(Note: Gold is slowly being phased out. Availability is only what is in stock at the suppliers)*
- navy vest**
- navy jacket** (fleece or waterproof)
- blue & white check dress
- navy broadbrim hat**
- navy beanie**
- house t-shirts – blue/green/yellow/red
- navy backpack type school bag**
- closed toe sandals, runners, shoes, boots

**School logo required

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
- it is recommended that uniforms be clearly marked with the owner's name
- additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided that these are not visible

JEWELLERY & COSMETICS

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery. Digital and analogue watches are encouraged. Please refer to the Mobile Phone/Device Student Use policy.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Simple nail polish is permitted (nail art, acrylic, stick on nails, gel and sns type nails, are not permitted).

HAIR & SUN SAFETY

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety. Only Navy, Gold and Black hair ties are acceptable.

School uniform broad brimmed hats must be worn outside from the commencement of term 4 to the conclusion of term 1, 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 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

Our school suppliers are Beleza School Uniforms, Seymour Street, Traralgon and Hip Pocket Workwear, Vestan drive, Morwell. Preloved uniforms are available at selected times from the school. Individual items can have logos embroidered at Hip Pocket Workwear.

Year 6 Commemorative Tops

Year 6 commemorative tops and/or jackets are coordinated by the school in conjunction with our uniform supplier during the second half of the year prior for year 6 students. Purchase arrangements are communicated to families during this time.

Affordability

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 and is eligible to receive support via the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund. Eligible families can receive assistance through State School's Relief.

On occasion we will hold a **second hand** uniform sale and have some second hand uniforms available during the year for a nominal price.

Please contact the principal or Assistant Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLENTATION

Yinnar Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and a hard copy is available from the office by request. 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, a note will be provided to the student and 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 acknowledge that there may be instances where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

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

Yinnar Primary School 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 Complaints Policy, available on our 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
- included in staff handbook/manual
- included in transition and enrolment packs
- discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- hard copy available from school administration upon request

Further Information and Resources

- Yinnar Primary School Sun Protection Policy
- Yinnar Primary School Complaints Policy
- Yinnar 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

Policy last reviewed	June 2026
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	June 2029

APPENDIX A: YINNAR PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

All year round

The following items may be worn all year round, with either the summer or winter uniform:

Jumper or Vest

Navy windcheater**

Navy rugby windcheater with gold trim**

navy vest**

Polo shirts

Navy or gold polo shirt** (long or short sleeve) *(Note: Gold is slowly being phased out. Availability is only what is in stock at the suppliers).*

Skorts

Plain navy skorts **O** without decoration or brand name and in winter can be worn with navy blue tights/stockings/leggings.

Pants

Plain, navy blue track pants without decoration or brand name

Socks or tights/stockings

Navy blue or white socks

Navy blue tights/stockings/leggings

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Summer sandals with covered toes, black school shoes or pull on school boots or runners are permitted. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

School Raincoat

Navy jacket** **O** (fleece or waterproof)

Headwear

Navy broadbrim hat** **Hats are to be worn for all of Term 4 and all of Term 1 and as requested.**

Navy beanie** **O**

Navy blue or gold head bands, hair ribbons, "scrunchies" or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs.

Dresses

Blue and white checked dress **O**

Shorts

Plain Navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name

Bag

Navy backpack type school bag **

House T-Shirts

Blue, Green, Yellow, Red

Note: **School logo required; O = Optional