

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Newborough East Primary School 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 Newborough East Primary 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 Newborough East Primary School 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.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

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 Newborough East Primary School compulsory school uniform items are as follows;

Items	
Shirts	-short or long sleeved polo shirt or skivvy -plain long sleeve T-shirt (sky blue, navy, or white) are permitted to be worn under polo shirts
Jackets	-Micro fibre jacket with school logo (navy blue) -grade 6 jacket (commemorative)
Jumpers	-windcheater (navy)
Pants	-navy pants i.e. leggings, track or cargo pants, no denim.
Shorts/Skirts/Skort	-navy shorts, skirts or skorts
Socks	-socks (school colours only navy, black or white.)
Shoes	-school shoes/sneakers or elastic sided school boots
Hats	-broadbrim or bucket hat (navy)
Beanies	-navy beanie
Coats	-rain jackets or coats
Dresses	-navy and white check school dress

Grade 6 students may wear items listed above or any other uniform items that are designed specifically for Grade 6 students each year.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Newborough East Primary School students must comply with the following:

Uniforms must be clean and in good repair

Uniforms must 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 completely hidden.

Safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from the first day Term 4 until the last day of Term 1.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be closefitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

Suitable footwear such as runners or black lace-up or buckled shoes are to be worn. Socks are to be in keeping with school uniform colours. Open-toed sandals are not to be worn (including on free dress days) for safety reasons.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Beleza Uniform Shop located in George Street Moe, or parents may order it directly from <https://store.beleza.com.au/>

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Wellbeing Coordinator to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

Newborough East Primary School also has second hand uniforms available to families to upon request.

IMPLEMENTATION

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

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

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.

Measures taken by Newborough East 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.

NON-COMPLIANCE

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the School Uniform Policy on a recurring basis, we can offer uniform exchange. 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 recognise that there may be situations 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 economic 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

Newborough East 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 *Parent Complaint Policy*, <https://neps.vic.edu.au/policies/>.

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 transition and enrolment packs
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	March 2023
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Approved by	School Council
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