



Uniform Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to clearly outline the school's expectations and the obligations of students, parents/care givers in respect to the wearing of the approved school uniform.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all students who are enrolled at the school from Reception to Year 7, and their parents/care givers.

It applies during school hours and when students are on school excursions and other school associated events when necessary.

It does not apply to students participating in out-of-hours sporting activities or during school and District Sports Days.

POLICY STATEMENT

Yahl Primary School believes strongly that a Uniform Policy:

- promotes equality amongst students and sense of pride in personal appearance
- helps students to strongly identify with the school and feel a sense of belonging
- ensures that students wear durable clothing that is affordable, safe and practical to wear in the school environment; and
- maintains and enhances the positive image and reputation of the school in the wider community.

DEFINITIONS

Not applicable.

REFERENCES

Not applicable.



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RESPONSIBILITIES

The **Governing Council** is responsible for:

- approving the Uniform Policy and any subsequent revisions
- supporting the Principal and staff in the implementation of the Uniform Policy; and
- promoting adherence to the Uniform Policy amongst the parent community.

The **Principal** is responsible for:

- presenting the Uniform Policy and any subsequent revisions to the Yahl Primary School Governing Council for approval
- publishing the Uniform Policy in the school newsletter at the beginning of each year
- ensuring that all students, staff and parents/care givers understand the Uniform Policy
- ensuring that all students comply with the Uniform Policy
- discussing any uniform non-compliance issues with parents/care givers if required
- approving exemptions to the Uniform Policy upon receipt of a written application from parents/care givers; and
- monitoring compliance with the Uniform Policy and making recommendations for improvement to relevant stakeholders.

All **Teaching Staff** are responsible for:

- monitoring each student's compliance with the Uniform Policy and alerting the Principal of any issues as they arise
- ensuring that students always wear their 'sun smart' hats when outdoors during Terms 1 and 4 and during high UV days.
- ensuring that students do not wear their hats while indoors.

All **Parents/Care Givers** are responsible for:

- ensuring that their children come to school dressed in accordance with the dress code articulated in the Uniform Policy; and
- apply to the Principal in writing if they wish to seek an exemption to the Uniform Policy for their child on the grounds of religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, disability and/or or medical condition.

All **Students** are responsible for:

- coming to school dressed in accordance with the dress code articulated in the Uniform Policy
- ensuring that they always wear their 'sun smart' hats when outdoors during Terms 1 and 4; and
- ensuring that their hats are always taken off while indoors.



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DRESS CODE

The Yahl Primary School Dress Code consists of the following compulsory uniform items. All uniform items can be purchased at Hip Pocket Workwear & Safety in Mount Gambier. Some generic items can also be purchased at stores such as Target, Big W, Best & Less and K-Mart.

School Logo



The logo is strongly encouraged to be monogrammed on all tops, hats and jackets. Please note that Hip Pocket has been supplied with the school logo and will automatically supply purchased uniforms items with the logo monogrammed on them (where appropriate). Hip Pocket can also monogram the school logo on any clothing items purchased from other stores.

Bottoms

- Black pants
- Black track pants (no writing or large brand names on legs)
- Black shorts
- Black skorts

Dresses

- Black and white checked



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Tops

- YPS black/green short sleeved Polo shirt with logo
- Black skivvy or black T-Shirt can be worn underneath
- Grey jacket with green piping
- YPS black/green windcheater
- Black windcheater with logo (no other writing)
- Black zip-up windcheater

Hats

- Black bucket hat
- Black wide brimmed hat without cords

Hair/Head Accessories

- Black, white and green ribbons, clips and scrunchies

Footwear/Socks

- Black school shoes
- Sport/running shoes

Optional

- Black polar fleece or waterproof vest preferably with school logo
- Year 7 students may wear a 'Class of the Current Year' polo shirt or long sleeve hooded windcheater featuring the names of all Year 7 students printed on the back; and
- Black/green scarves on cold days.



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Unacceptable Uniform Items

It is unacceptable for the following items to be worn as they fail to meet health and safety standards and/or school expectations:

- any clothing which leaves shoulders and/or mid-riff's exposed e.g. tank tops and sundresses
- very short dresses and shorts. Dresses and shorts must be mid thigh length or longer
- leggings, jeggings, blue jeans or bike shorts
- loose fitting footwear including thongs, open-toed shoes, sandals, heeled shoes, slipper-style shoes and skate shoes
- loose fitting jewellery e.g dangly earrings and necklaces. Only studs or sleepers are acceptable; and
- any cosmetics unless for designated occasions, with the approval of the Principal.

NON-CONFORMANCE

The following will apply if there are breaches to this Uniform Policy:

- 1 Parents/care givers will be notified by the Principal of any non-compliance, with a view to resolving the issue as quickly as possible.
- 2 Children failing to wear a hat will be required to spend recess/lunch periods in an under-cover area.
- 3 Children will be excluded from activities if there are potential risks to their health and safety.



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