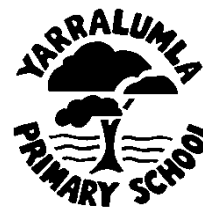


Yarralumla Primary School Uniform, Dress Standard & Colour Code Policy



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1. POLICY STATEMENT

Yarralumla Primary School expects students to abide by a dress standard while attending school and official school activities. The preferred dress standard is Yarralumla Primary school uniform. Students may also wear the school colour code. Yarralumla Primary School is a Sun Smart school.

2. UNIFORM AND COLOUR CODE DRESS STANDARDS

2.1 School Uniform

Yarralumla Primary School uniform is comprised of the following:

- bottle green, white or red shirt with school logo
- bottle green sweatshirt, jacket or vest with school logo
- bottle green pants/shorts
- bottle green skirt/skort/tunic
- bottle green and white checked summer dress
- red or green hat

Preferable

- sun-safe bottle green or red broad brim or legionnaire's hat (with or without logo)
- baseball caps and fedora hats are NOT acceptable as they are not sun-safe
- school bag (with or without school logo)
- tights, leggings and socks that conform to the school colour code of bottle green, red or white.

For information on purchasing Yarralumla Primary School uniform refer to the P&C run Uniform Shop.

2.2 School Colour Code

The school colour code is bottle green, red and white. Uniform colour code preference is for:

- pants, shorts, skirts, vests and jackets to be bottle green
- tops to be bottle green, red or white
- hats to be bottle green or red

2.3 Year 6 Optional Dress Code

A year 6 t-shirt may be made available for students in year 6. The shirt may be worn *in lieu* of a school uniform or colour code shirt. The base colour of the year 6 shirt must meet colour code of red, bottle green or white. The P&C managed Uniform Shop does not organise or supply the year 6 t-shirts. Refer to current year 6 class teacher/s for further information.

3. RATIONALE AND RELATED POLICIES

3.1 Rationale

Yarralumla Primary School believes the following benefits are derived from the wearing of school uniform or colour code:

- forms a sense of community, improves school tone and atmosphere and helps develop a sense of pride in the school
- assists with student identification and safety - within the school's open environment and during school excursions
- promotes equality among students
- stops anxiety associated with 'what to wear to school' each day; reduces competition amongst students and removes pressure on families to provide 'fashionable' clothes
- maintains high public and community regard for the school and its students
- helps to prepare students for expectations in general dress and uniform for post school life

3.2 Related ACT Government Education and Training Directorate Policies

In 2010 the Department of Education and Training ACT introduced the *Dress Standards and Colour Codes in Public Schools (2010, Identifier: DSCCPS201003)* policy requiring all ACT public schools to develop and implement a dress standard and colour code:

http://www.det.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0018/120537/Dress_Standards_and_Colour_Codes_in_Public_Schools_2010_updated.pdf

The 2006 *Sun Protection policy (Identifier: SP200609)* outlines sun protection for students during school hours, on and off school premises.

http://www.det.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/19515/sunpro.pdf

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 Students should not be disadvantaged whereby circumstances beyond their control limit their access to appropriate dress standard, colour code or uniform items.

4.2 Parents of students at Yarralumla Primary School must be informed in writing of the school's Dress Standard and Colour Code Policy and must be asked at enrolment to take responsibility for outfitting their child according to the requirements. Enrolment is not conditional upon agreement. Informing parents may also be achieved by publishing the guidelines in the school handbook, school newsletters and on the school website.

4.3 Everyone has a role in setting dress standards at Yarralumla Primary School. Teachers and other school staff should model appropriate standards for students and should dress in a professional manner at all times.

5. NON COMPLIANCE AND RESOLVING CONFLICT

5.1 All students are expected to meet dress standards, colour code or uniform unless an exemption has been granted (see 7.1).

5.2 The preferred approach to ensure students abide by dress standards, colour code or uniform is positive reinforcement and encouragement of responsible behaviour and school pride.

5.3 Strategies that staff may employ to deal with non-compliance or failure of a student to uphold the required dress standard include:

- the offer of appropriate item/s from a bank of uniforms held at the school
- informing the students' parents/carers of the incident and allow further discussion to prevent recurrence
- preventing participation in specific activities where dress standards, colour code or school uniform are key requirements

6. SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 In resolving matters of student dress standards, colour code or uniforms the school's Principal must consider:

- mobile families requiring sufficient time to purchase items of dress
- the unavailability of an item
- a matter relating to the student's health
- economic hardship requiring special arrangements, or an extended period of time to purchase new items of dress
- conscientious objections, for example objections raised on any reasonable religious or cultural grounds
- any exemption from wearing the dress requirements as granted by the School's Principal

7. DEFINITIONS

7.1 Colour code or school colour codes

The colours chosen by a School Board which represent the school with regards to uniforms, dress standards and other items of identification. In an effort to further establish identity and promote a standard; schools may have two colours or more.

7.2 School uniform

A school uniform consists of a limited range of clothing. It identifies students as belonging to a particular school.

7.3 Sun-safe hat

'hats (eg broad-brimmed or legionnaire hats) that cover the face, ears and neck' – Refer section 4.2 The 2006 Sun Protection policy http://www.det.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0003/19515/sunpro.pdf