



Hamlyn Views School

Dress Code - Student



Help for non-English Speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Hamlyn Views School on (03)52155700

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Hamlyn Views 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 Hamlyn Views 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 Hamlyn Views 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.

2. SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code whilst traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

3. POLICY

Uniform And Appearance

The Student Dress Code applies during school hours, whilst travelling to and from school, and when students are engaged in school activities out of school hours. **Wearing the school uniform is an expectation for all students at Hamlyn Views School.**

General Appearance

- Uniforms are to be clean and in good repair.
- Clothing and footwear to be named to support return of lost items.
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided the undergarments are hidden.
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable visible jewelry.
- Tattoos (including temporary transfers) must always be covered.
- Extreme hair colors are not permitted unless for an approved fundraising activity.
- Hats and beanies are not to be worn inside.

Health And Safety

- Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back.
- School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of these dates as a parent or student choice.
- Steel capped boots, high-heeled shoes, open-toed sandals or thongs are not to be worn.
- Students are encouraged to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting wrap-around that meet Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye as possible.
- Footwear should always be worn, unless not required for a curriculum-based activity such as swimming.
- Students undertaking real-life and vocational skills programs are required to wear appropriate clothing, footwear and safety gear as directed.

Purchase Of Uniforms

Uniform items can be ordered through our school supplier, Bellarine Uniforms Geelong Ph: 52 219 199 or email bellarine@noone.com.au

Uniform items and pricing details are available on request. For incoming Foundation students, these details will be provided in their transition to school pack.

Support For Families Experiencing Difficulty

Please contact the Business Manager 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/>

4. IMPLEMENTATION

Hamlyn Views School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and Transition to School Pack. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student attends school in clothing that is not a part of the Student Dress Code for any reason, clean school-owned uniform items may be offered to the student to wear for the day - returning it at the end before returning home.

If a student 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 contact made with parents/carers as 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 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 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 The Student Dress Code

Hamlyn Views School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaints about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on request from the office.

5. COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on the school's website
- Periodic reminders in the school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in enrolment packs
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

6. FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Hamlyn Views School Sunsmart Policy
- Hamlyn Views School Parent Complaint Policy
- Hamlyn Views School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)

Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#)

7. REVIEW CYCLE

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Endorsed By	School Council
Endorsed On	13 August 2025
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