



## UNIFORM POLICY

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Traralgon College'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 Traralgon College'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 Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourage students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Traralgon College'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

The full list of Traralgon College's compulsory school uniform items is available at Appendix A to this policy.

#### 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
- Uniforms should 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 or are items as listed in **Appendix**

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## Health and safety

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

Students who wear braids or dreadlocks may wear them loose, except for applied technology classes where hair should be tied back for safety purposes.

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

Uniform items can be purchased from the School Compass Shop online, or parents may order it directly from LOWES shop in Midvalley or online [Traralgon College | Shop Online | Lowes Schoolwear Australia // Lowes](#)

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 year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

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

## IMPLEMENTATION

Traralgon College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and on Compass. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

## 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 in writing 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



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

Traralgon College 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*, available <https://www.traralson.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Complaints-Policy.pdf>

## COMMUNICATION:

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

- Available publicly on our school website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Traralgon College Parent Complaint Policy
- Traralgon College 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	April 2026
Consultation	2025, Students, teachers and school council
Approved by	School Council March 2026
Next scheduled review date	March 2029



## APPENDIX A: Traralgon College UNIFORM ITEMS

The following items may be worn all year round

### JUMPER

- Navy and white Rugby Jumper with school logo
- Navy ¼ zip jumper with school logo
- Navy knitted jumper with school logo

### POLO-SHIRTS

- Navy polo with school logo
- Navy sublimated, indigenous polo with school logo
- Navy, black or white long sleeve tops can be worn under dresses and polo tops.

### SKORTS

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

### PANTS

Plain, navy blue pants without decoration or brand name

- Navy girls tailored pants
- Navy blocker pants

***Tracksuit pants or leggings are not accepted school uniform items and must not be worn.***

### SOCKS-TIGHTS

- Navy blue, black or white socks
- Navy blue or black tights/stockings

### 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.
- Steel cap boots will only be worn and allowed for the duration of specific technology and VET classes.



## SCHOOL JACKETS

- Navy blue Puffer Jacket and school logo
- Navy blue Puffer Vest and school logo
- Navy soft shell jacket with school logo

## HEADWEAR/SCARVES

- Navy blue or white head bands, hair ribbons, “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.
- Navy bucket hat with logo
- Navy cap with logo
- Navy beanie with logo
- Navy scarf with logo

## DRESS

- Blue and white checkered summer dress

## SHORTS

- Plain navy-blue shorts without decoration or brand name