

UNIFORM

NARANGA SCHOOL POLICY

Rationale

The wearing of a school uniform reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the uniform policy.

Aims

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of identification and pride in our school.
- To require durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Guidelines

- The uniform policy provides choice for students and allows students to safely engage in the many varied school activities.
- The uniform policy applies during school hours, whilst travelling to and from school and when students are on school excursions unless otherwise advised.
- Uniforms are compulsory and must be worn. Some programs have specific uniform options available to them, such as the Middle Transition group and the Advance program group.
- Clothing is to be plain without brand names, logos or stripes.
- All footwear must be enclosed for safety reasons.
- The only acceptable jewellery is a stud earring, one only in each ear. Watches may be worn. Sleepers and other jewellery are not accepted, nor any other piercing jewellery.
- Hair that is longer than collar length or hair of a length that is deemed unsafe for school and work programs must be tied back.
- Extreme unnatural hair colours (eg: green, pink, or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted.
- Clear nail polish, discreet cosmetics and short fingernail length are acceptable.
- Hats/caps are to be worn outside in Terms 1 & 4. Hats are not to be worn inside. Beanies may be worn outside in term 2 and 3.
- Tattoos must not be visible during the school day.

The Uniform

Junior and Senior Schools

- navy shorts, pants, track pants or trousers
- navy or jade green polo shirt, t-shirt or skivvy
- navy or jade green windcheater or bomber jacket
- navy parka or coat
- summer dress, pinafore or winter skirt as per Naranga pattern.

Note: The school *recommends girls wear shorts or bike shorts under dresses.*

Final year students only

- navy blue shorts (of a discreet style with no inappropriate wording, motifs, logos, rips or hems dragging)
- polo t-shirt with Naranga VCAL logo
- navy blue polar fleece jacket or vest with a Naranga VCAL logo
- navy blue skirt (of a discreet style with no inappropriate wording, motifs, logos, rips)

Sports Uniform (added to the Uniform Policy, September 2017)

- Polo shirt with logo
- Navy blue sports mesh shorts (no logo),
- Waterproof soft shell jacket (no logo) OPTIONAL and navy blue trousers (no logo) to be added to the Naranga School Uniform Policy. Beleza will be the supplier of these items.

Note: Denim of any colour is **not** acceptable as part of the dress code.

Implementation

- School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for implementation of the uniform policy.
- Students will only be accepted into class dressed in correct uniform. Parents/carers will be contacted if necessary.
- The uniform policy will be published in the school newsletter at the start of each term.
- Teachers will ensure that students follow the uniform policy whilst at school or out on community based school activities.
- Arrangements can be made for parents to apply for uniforms via State School Relief.
- Safety issues are a priority – for example, length and condition of pants, sleeves covering the shoulders, and shorts of an acceptable length.
- Parents seeking exemption to the uniform policy due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, health condition, economic hardship or physical disabilities that prohibit normal/regular wearing of uniform must seek exemption by applying in writing to the Principal.

Evaluation

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....	March 2013	
This policy was updated by School Council in....	October 2017	

This policy was modified with School Council approval, to include a reference to covering tattoos, in May 2018