

## Student Dress Code Policy



### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Maramba Primary School on 03 9796 7150 or [maramba.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:maramba.ps@education.vic.gov.au) .

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Maramba Primary 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 Maramba Primary School'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 encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Maramba Primary School'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.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

### 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

Maramba Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:



School Shoes  
These must be completely black



Maramba Broad Brimmed Hat  
Must have a school logo



Maramba School Bag



Maramba Satchel  
For school readers and library books.

### SUMMER UNIFORM



Summer Dress



Girls and Boys Short Sleeve Polo Shirt



Navy Shorts



Navy Skort

### WINTER UNIFORM



Girls and Boys Windcheater



Girls and Boys Bomber Jacket



Girls and Boys Short Sleeve Polo Shirt



Long Sleeve Navy Thermal



Girls and Boys Navy Track Pants



Navy Long Trousers



Navy Long Pants

**Sports Tops**

In 2024, House sports tops were introduced for students to wear to school when they have PE, on every second Thursday when we have House sports and our school sporting events, such as athletics and cross country. These are optional and do not form part of the compulsory uniform.

House Name	House Totem	
Morack = Hill	Bemin (bee-min)	Ringtail Possum
Biik = Land	Djimbang'gurr	Eastern Grey Kangaroo
Warrain = Coast/Ocean/The Sea	Gumbak	Fish
Woorwoo (war-a-woo) = Sky	Waa	Crow (The Protector)



**General appearance**

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Maramba Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good condition
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner’s name
- Shirts should be tucked in
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

**Jewellery and cosmetics**

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Cosmetics or nail polish may not be worn at school.

### **Hair and Sun safety**

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from the second Monday in August to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

### **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

Uniform items can be purchased from Beleza School Uniforms Hallam (7/151-159 Princess Hwy, Hallam VIC 3803), or parents and carers can order online from <https://beleza.com.au/product-category/primary-schools/m-o-primary/maramba-primary-school/>

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Principal 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/>

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

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

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise 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 a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Maramba Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

### **EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE**

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

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 economic 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 THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Maramba Primary School 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 Complaints Policy*.

## COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- 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

- Maramba Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Maramba Primary School Complaints Policy
- Maramba Primary School 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

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Relationships



Respect



Resilience



Responsibility