# SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

**Help for non-English speakers**

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the main office of Nelson Park school (03) 52783620.

## 1. RATIONALE:

Nelson Park School respects the rights of the individual and recognises that all students have the right to feel safe and be treated with respect. School uniform is an important element of school culture and identity.
This policy applies to both the Libau and Illinois Campus and any difference between campuses is specified.

## 2. AIMS:

The school community recognises the importance of:

a. The need for all students to actively and safely participate in all aspects of the school curriculum.
b. The need for students to dress appropriately for school.
c. Wearing a school uniform to encourage school identity, promote a sense of pride in the school and promote an ethos of equality.
d. The wearing of school uniform will provide a consistency for career pathway and to meet workplace expectations.

## 3. IMPLEMENTATION:

a. School uniform must be worn by students in the Primary and Secondary sections of Nelson Park School.
b. Students on programs such as VET and Traineeships will wear approved protective clothing and personal protection gear when engaged in hands on learning programs. If a student attends school out of uniform the school will provide uniform for the day.
c. Students must wear approved navy hats while outside during terms 1 and 4.
d. Students may wear approved navy blue/black beanie whilst outside during terms 2 and 3.
e. School uniform will be sold through PSW (formally Geelong Uniforms).
f. There will be provision for the supply of clean second-hand uniforms in good condition (subject to availability).
g. Shoes are not a specified item of school uniform but for safety reasons students are required to wear appropriate footwear e.g. black runners. High heeled shoes, open-toed sandals/shoes, slip-ons, steel caps and thongs are not permitted for safety reasons.
h. Extreme hair colours (for example, green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (for example, mo-hawks) are not permitted.
i. Excessive or expensive jewellery is not permitted. 3 pieces of jewellery maximum will be permitted.
j. Students will be allowed one small plain metal facial piercing with discreet visual impact. Piercings must be covered or removed during any activities that pose a health or safety risk – as per staff or work experience related employer request.
k. Watches may be worn but smart watches which connect to electronic devices are not permitted.
l. Cosmetics may not be worn at school.

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m. Written requests for exemption to these requirements must be made by parent/carers to the principal at whose discretion exemptions will be granted.
n. Parents/carers will be requested to send a note of explanation to the school if students are not in school uniform.
o. Nelson Park School will provide information to access support for parents/carers who have difficulty meeting the cost for uniform items, this may include applying to the State School's Relief Fund for financial support for families.

## 4. BREACH OF UNIFORM POLICY:

a. Parents/carers please send a note explaining why a student is out of uniform, this will be accepted once each term without further action.
b. Where a student has a subsequent day out of uniform in a term, the Assistant Principal will provide spare uniform for the student to change into for the day and make contact with the family.
c. Families are encouraged to contact the Student Wellbeing Officer where financial hardship is impacting on students being in uniform, the school will assist with information to get support.
d. The Principal will make exemptions to the policy on reasonable grounds; parents/carers must make a request for an exemption in writing to the Principal.

**Approved school uniform list:**

**PRIMARY SCHOOL:**
Navy windcheater
Navy/black shorts, pants or skirt/skort
Nelson Park school dress or kilt
White, red or navy polo shirt
Navy Indigenous polo shirt (available from school front office)
Black leather school shoes or runners
Navy school hat in terms 1 & 4 – legionnaires or broad brim
White socks or blue tights
Navy blue/black beanies (non-branded)
Year 6 students only – optional Nelson Park School Year 6 jumper

**SECONDARY SCHOOL:**
Nelson Park cardinal red woollen jumper or red hooded jumper
White/red or navy polo or school cotton shirt
Navy Indigenous polo shirt (available from school front office)
Navy blue school pants or shorts (girls & boys)
Nelson Park school dress
Nelson Park kilt
Black school shoes or runners
Navy school hat in terms 1 & 4 – legionnaires or broad brim is encouraged
Year 12 students only – optional Nelson Park School Year 12 jumper

## 5. REFERENCES:

Exec Memo 95/022 – Student Dress Codes
Victorian Government Schools Reference Guide -
https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-dress-code/policy

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## 6. EVALUATION:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four-year review cycle and/or in line with DEECD directives.

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| Policy last reviewed | 04/12/2023 |
| Approved by | Principal / School Council |
| Next scheduled review date | DECEMBER 2027 |