



“Working Together for a Better Future”

DRESS CODE POLICY - STUDENT



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Wallan Primary School.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Wallan 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 Wallan 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 Wallan 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

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

DRESS CODE REQUIREMENT	WHAT THIS MEANS
<p>Students in Prep to Year 5:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Polo shirt – gold ● “Cool dry” polo shirt – green and gold ● Pants or shorts – bottle green ● Netball skirt – bottle green ● School dress – bottle green and white check ● Winter pinafore – bottle green check ● Windcheater – bottle green ● Hooded windcheater – bottle green ● Hat- bottle green (bucket, broad brimmed or legionnaires) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No jeans ● No sport or fashion logos ● No decoration on shirts, shorts or pants. ● No caps ● Shorts must be mid thigh length
<p>Students in Year 6:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● May wear any of the above or ● Black pants or shorts ● Commemorative windcheater or rugby jumper 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Appropriate footwear, school shoes or runners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No open toed shoes, sandals or thongs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● For Duty of Care and OH&S purposes, no jewellery can be worn except for the following: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Medi-Alerts are permitted. ● Watches may be worn providing they do not have internet capabilities. ● Earrings must be sleepers or small studs. ● One small nose stud. ● All other facial and body piercings are not permitted. ● Students who wear jewellery will be asked to remove it. ● Parents of repeat offenders will be contacted to support the student to comply with this policy.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Makeup and coloured nail polish is not permitted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students will be asked to remove their makeup. ● Nails should be short in length for OH&S reasons.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Parents of repeat offenders will be contacted to support the student to comply with this policy.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No alterations or additions to the dress code. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No makeup, nail polish, bright hair colour, bandannas, tattoos, graffiti, etc.

It is recommended that all clothing items, including hats, are clearly named.

General appearance

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

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must 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.

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 may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

Hair and Sun safety

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

Sun smart hats must be worn outside from mid-August to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school. Sun smart hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

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 uniform shop based at the school on Tuesday from 2.30 – 4.30pm and Thursday from 8.30 – 10.30am, or parents may order it directly from essentialclothing@bigpond.com or by calling 0409 185 524.

Second-hand uniforms can be purchased at the local op shop based at the church in Watson Street, Wallan.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Assistant Principal to discuss support for 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

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

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, the classroom teacher or Assistant Principal might contact the family to offer support.

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 contact the Assistant 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 Assistant 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 Assistant Principal will 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

Wallan 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 Complaint Policy*.

COMMUNICATION

- This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways
- Available publicly on our school's website and via the COmpass parent portal
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

Further information and resources

- Sunsmart Policy
- Parent Complaint Policy
- Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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