2026 SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE

Wallan Primary School

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 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.

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

APPENDIX A: Wallan Primary School UNIFORM ITEMS

All year round

The following items may be worn all year round, with either the summer or winter uniform:

Jumper or Vest

- Windcheater – bottle green
- Hooded windcheater – bottle green
- Crew neck – bottle green
- No sport or fashion logos

Polo shirts (long sleeve and t-shirt)

- Polo shirt – gold

- "Cool dry" polo shirt – green and gold
- No sport or fashion logos

Skivvies

- Yellow skivvies

Skorts/shorts

- Netball skirt – bottle green
- Shorts – bottle green - Shorts must be mid-thigh length
- Box pleat skirt
- No sport or fashion logos

Dresses

- School dress – bottle green and white check
- Winter pinafore – bottle green check
- A-line Pique dress – bottle green and yellow

Pants

- Pants – bottle green
- No decoration on shorts or pants.
- No jeans
- No sport or fashion logos

Tights/stockings

- Bottle green tights/stockings

Footwear

- Appropriate footwear, school shoes or runners.
- No open toed shoes, sandals or thongs.

School Raincoat (Optional Item)

- Bottle green raincoat

Students in Year 6:

- May wear any of the above or
- Commemorative windcheater or rugby jumper
- Black pants or shorts

Hats – to be worn in mid-August to the end of April

- Hat- bottle green (bucket, broad brimmed or legionnaires)
- No caps

Reminders:

- 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.
- Students will be asked to remove their makeup.
- Nails should be short in length for OH&S reasons.

Parents of repeat offenders will be contacted to support the student to comply with this policy.

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, 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

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.

Health and safety

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

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

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August to 30th of 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.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around, and 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 group (PSW) in Craigieburn from Mon-Fri 9:00am – 5:00pm, and Saturday from 9:00am – 4:00pm.
Uniforms can be purchased online at www.psw.com.au.

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

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 prep 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 Assistant Principal/Business Manager 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, 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/Assistant Principle 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 Wallan 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 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/Assistant Principle 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 financial/economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal/Assistant Principle 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/Assistant Principle 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

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 *Complaint Policy*, available on the Wallan Primary School website.

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
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Wallan Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Wallan Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Wallan 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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