

Policy Name:	Dress Code
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Referred Documents:	

1.0 RATIONALE:

- Students dressed in school uniform gain a sense of belonging to the school and consequently their pride in their school increases.
- Students in school uniform are identified more directly with their school. This is especially so when the school is taking part in activities outside the school grounds.
- The cost of providing the school uniform is almost always cheaper than providing an assortment of casual clothes.
- School uniform is designed to be practical for the range of activities undertaken at the school.
- All students are required to adhere to the prescribed uniform. Competition in fashion dressing is thus negated and all students, regardless of socio economic circumstance can feel equally part of the school community.
- The guiding principles in determining the prescribed uniform will be:
 - functional - allowing girls and boys to participate fully in school activities
 - quality/wearability of the garments
 - that it be affordable
 - able to be made
 - able to be purchased at a range of outlets
 - promote the identification with Wedge Park Primary School
- Authorised and unauthorised visitors are easily recognised by being out of uniform.

2.0 IMPLEMENTATION:

- 2.1** All students are required to wear the prescribed School Uniform of Wedge Park Primary School. Students that are out of uniform will not be able to participate in school events, eg: sport and excursions. Out of uniform also includes the wearing of jewellery.
- 2.2** Parents and Guardians will be able to make the uniform or purchase uniform items through a range of outlets:
- the school's Uniform supplier – see 2.9
 - local traders
- 2.3** Staff and parents will have an important role to play in the positive encouragement of the wearing of School Uniform.

2.4 Procedure for breach of Uniform Policy:

Teachers will be required to look into the reason the student is out of uniform and use discretion with regard to action taken.

- 1st time - Standard letter be distributed by class teacher to parents and record to be kept (even where written request for 1 day for child to be out of uniform).
- 2nd time - Team Leader chats to student.
- 3rd time - Leading Teacher forwards a Standard letter to parents.
- 4th time - Assistant Principal contacts parents.
- 5th time - Time out from yard given to student (recess or lunchtime).

2.5 Exemptions:

- A parent/guardian responsible for a student may make written application to the Principal, requesting that the student be exempted from being required to wear Uniform. Some possible grounds may include proven economic hardship, health or religious reasons. The written application must include the grounds for seeking exemption.
- At the first available meeting of the School Council, the Principal shall bring the request for exemption and a recommendation to the attention of School Council. Following the School Council meeting, the Principal shall immediately inform the parents of the outcome to the School Council's decision. Maximum confidentiality will be maintained.

2.6 Year 6 will have the option of a “special Year 6 top garment” as well as normal uniform.

2.7 School Uniform:

- Pale Blue Shirts and Polo Shirts - are to be worn either with or without logo.
- Bomber Jacket and Windcheater are to be worn with or without a logo.
- Hats - Compulsory from Term 4 until the end of Term 1. Two options of hats with or without school logo available for students:- Legionnaire or Wide Brimmed Hat (Cricket Hat) worn in a correct manner. A navy blue “beanie” may be worn during Term 2 and 3. Non-school hats may be confiscated until end of school day.
- Pinafore, skirts and dresses to be knee length
- Jeans are not a part of approved school uniform.
- No graffiti on school uniform. Names to be written/adhered to in a non-visible area (name to be inside hat).
- Students are required to wear school uniform to, during and from school. Any changes during the course of the day for performances or sporting activities are permitted providing the student changes back into their full school uniform after such activities.

2.8 General Appearance:

- No jewellery (necklaces, rings and body piercing jewellery etc.) is permitted to be worn except for;
- a watch
- two small sleepers or two standard size studs or one of each are permitted in each ear
- Girls & boys with shoulder length and longer hair must have hair tied back with hair accessories
- preferably in school colours.
- No hair sprays, rinses etc. in bright colours.
- No nail polish permitted.
- Tee shirt or other items of visible clothing worn under the school polo shirt must be the school pale blue.
- Tattoos or any ink/lead on skin is not allowed.

- Trousers to be worn above shoes, with hemline clearly intact.
- False nails are not to be worn to school.
- Leggings are not to be worn.

2.9 Orders:

- Items of uniform can be purchased from our supplier Lowes located at Shop T118 Woodgrove Shopping Centre, 533- 555 High Street, Melton. Operating hours are Mon-Wed: 9:00am - 5.30pm, Thurs-Fri: 9:00am – 9:00pm, Sat: 9:00am – 5:00pm, Sun: 10:00am – 5:00pm. Internet ordering is also available at www.lowes.com.au. Uniform orders cannot be placed through the school, however school hats and logos are available for purchase from the school office.

2.10 Out of Uniform Day:

- Junior School Council may hold out of uniform days with the permission of the Principal or Assistant Principal, with a maximum of one per term.

2.11 Student Enrolment Form:

- The acceptance of school uniform as compulsory is printed on the enrolment form and is to be signed by the parent.

2.12 There is no compulsory winter coat. Coats are to be worn out doors only, and with a school windcheater underneath. Coats are not permitted to be worn without a school windcheater. Full school uniform (windcheaters/bomber jackets not coats) must be worn in class.

2.13 There is no compulsory winter scarf. Scarves are to be worn outdoors only and not in the classroom.

3.0 EVALUATION:

3.1 A minor review of the uniform will be undertaken annually by a sub-committee of School Council with input from staff and parents.

3.2 Comment from the community will be sought prior to each minor review.

APPENDIX

SUMMER UNIFORM:

Blue & white check dress

Pale blue shirt - polo shirt (long sleeve or short sleeve)

Plain Navy shorts/knee length navy skirt/skort

School windcheater/Bomber jacket

Navy or white socks

Shoes: Full runners, black school shoes (flat heeled, no open toe), black school boots (No steel caps).

No gumboots, ballet flats or jiffies.

Hats: Plain navy or Wedge Park emblem Legionnaires or slouch hats only

WINTER UNIFORM:

Navy pants (no logos/stripes) no denim

Pale blue shirt/Pale blue skivvy

Navy windcheater/Bomber jacket

School polo shirt (long sleeve or short sleeve)

Navy blue pinafore/knee length skirt/skort/navy tights

Navy or white socks

Shoes: Full runners, black school shoes (flat heeled, no open toe), black school boots (No steel caps).

No gumboots, ballet flats or jiffies.

SPORTS UNIFORM:

Navy shorts/track pants

Pale blue polo shirt worn on Interschool Sports Day

Navy or white socks

Full runners (laced or Velcro)

Polo shirt or T-Shirt – colour suitable for House (Grade 5/6 only) – Family/Student notified.

Netball skirts can only be worn during supervised matches.

OPTIONAL:

School bag

Navy blue Bike Shorts may be worn under skirts, dresses or pinafores only

Navy blue “beanie” may be worn in Term 2 and 3

Navy water proof jacket

Navy/light blue/white scarf

Navy/light blue/white gloves

ALSO AVAILABLE:

Iron on school logos