



Wollert
Primary School

Uniform

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Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the Business Manager

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Wollert 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 Wollert Primary School's Interim School Council, with the responsibility 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 Wollert 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.

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UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Wollert Primary School's compulsory school uniform items is available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Wollert 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 white, black or grey.

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 is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety. Hair bows, headbands or any hair accessories must be in school colours if worn.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from September 1st to April 30th 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 or beanies 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 Academy Uniforms, Thomastown.
<https://academyuniforms.com.au/>

Wollert Primary School may have a second-hand uniform store for parents as the school grows. Further details about this will be disseminated to parents.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Business Manager 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

Wollert Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our Facebook page, COMPASS and the developing 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 Wollert 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

Wollert 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, please contact the Principal.

COMMUNICATION



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

- Available publicly on our school's website when open
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Included in staff handbook
- 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

- Wollert Primary School SunSmart Policy
- Wollert Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Wollert 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.



APPENDIX A: WOLLERT PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

The following items may be worn all year round as part of our uniform range:

Jumper

Knitted grey with school logo

Jacket

Grey zipped jacket with school logo

Polo shirts

Grey long and short sleeved with school logo.

Pants

Grey track pants without decoration or brand name Grey trousers without decoration or brand name

Black Tracksuit pants - please note that black tracksuit pants can be worn as an alternative to the grey pants/trousers and can be purchased from a retailer i.e. Target, Kmart, Big W and is not included in the items offered by Academy Uniforms

Dresses

Summer grey checked dress

Winter grey pinafore – long sleeve black, white or grey top underneath.

Shorts

Plain grey shorts without decoration or brand name

Black shorts - please note that black shorts can be worn as an alternative to the grey shorts and can be purchased from a retailer i.e. Target, Kmart, Big W and is not included in the items offered by Academy Uniforms

Skorts

Grey skorts without decoration or logo

Skivvies

Plain black, white or grey skivvy

Socks or tights/stockings Grey, black or white socks Grey or black tights/stockings

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Summer sandals with covered toes, black school shoes or pull on school boots or black or white runners are permitted. Runners with a minimal colour inclusion (eg. NIKE tick or logo) is acceptable. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

Headwear

Head bands, hair ribbons, “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs



must be in school colours only. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

COMPULSORY Hats – to be worn from mid-August to 30 April

Black broadbrim with school logo.

Winter Beanies

The Wollert Primary School Beanie can be worn in the cooler Winter months. Black and grey beanies can also be worn by students as an alternative to the School beanie but must be plain without any logo or words.

Sports uniform

Burgundy polo top with grey sport shorts/skort/tracksuit pant/jacket. (To be worn on Fridays and specific Phys. Ed Days only)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	March 2024
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	March 2025 - to ensure ongoing relevance and continuous improvement, this policy will be reviewed annually.