

## Student Dress Code



### HELP FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Wonthaggi North Primary School on (03) 5672 4697 or [wonthaggi.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:wonthaggi.north.ps@education.vic.gov.au).

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Wonthaggi North 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 Wonthaggi North 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 Wonthaggi North 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.

### POLICY

The full list of Wonthaggi North Primary School's approved 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, Wonthaggi North 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

#### 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.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> 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 that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

Extreme hair colours (e.g.: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or mohawks) and/or extreme coloured contact lenses are not permitted.

## Purchase of uniforms

Uniform items can be purchased from State Schools' Relief via the Qkr! app. School bags and hats are available to purchase through the school office.

### *Support for families experiencing difficulty*

Please contact the Principal or your child's classroom teacher 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

Wonthaggi North Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website. 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 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 Wonthaggi North 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

Wonthaggi North 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*, available on our website.

## COMMUNICATION

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

- Provided to staff at induction and included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff meetings/briefings as required
- Made available publicly on our school website
- Made available in hard copy from school administration upon request

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies on the Department's Policy and Advisory Library (PAL):

- [Student Dress Code](#)
- [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#)

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	21.03.2022
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	February 2023

## APPENDIX 1: APPROVED GENERAL UNIFORM ITEMS

Item	Colour	Logo Type	Sizes
Polo Shirt <b>Short</b> Sleeve	White	Embroidery	4 to 16
Polo Shirt <b>Short</b> Sleeve	Royal	Embroidery	4 to 16
Polo Shirt <b>Long</b> Sleeve	White	Embroidery	4 to 16
Polo Shirt <b>Long</b> Sleeve	Royal	Embroidery	4 to 16
Windcheater	Royal	Embroidery	4 to 16
Polar Fleece Jacket	Royal	Embroidery	4 to 14 S to 5XL
Polar Fleece Top HALF ZIP	Royal	Embroidery	4 to 14 S to 5XL
Skort	Royal	N/A	4 to 16
Shorts Rugby	Royal	N/A	4 to 16
Shorts Gaberdine	Royal	N/A	4 to 16
Dress Gingham	Royal	N/A	4 to 16
Tunic Winter	Navy/Sky	N/A	4 to 16
Trackpants Cuffed	Royal	N/A	4 to 16
Trackpants Straight	Royal	N/A	4 to 16

- Socks to be white or grey
- Black shoes only
- Girl's tights – navy blue or grey only