

## Woodvale Primary School Student Dress Code and Uniform Policy



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### **RATIONALE:**

Woodvale Primary School values the wearing of a school uniform as a tool to promote a sense of identity and belongingness in our school community. Wearing our uniform reflects pride in our school and ensures students are appropriately dressed in sun-smart, functional clothing to allow them to participate in educational activities.

The Student Dress Code Policy aims to assist with the following:

- Enhance the school's public image.
- Develop a strong sense of school spirit and pride.
- Ensure the personal safety of students by allowing easier recognition of students in the community.
- Encourage equality amongst students.

### **PURPOSE:**

Woodvale Primary School's dress code has been developed through consultation with the School Board to achieve the following outcomes:

- To provide families of WPS with a dress code that is safe and appropriate for school activities, provides some choice, is affordable for caregivers, and considers ultraviolet radiation.
- To outline appropriate processes for exemption or modification in relation to student health, cultural factors, or any other matter that the principal deems as warranted to exempt a student from the dress code requirements.
- To encourage the wearing of a uniform by providing pathways for students not complying with the dress code.

### **SCOPE:**

There is an agreed expectation from the school community and staff that all children (Kindergarten to Year 6) will wear the school uniform. Students are expected to comply with this Students Dress Code during school hours and when attending school activities.

### **STANDARDS:**

The full list of Woodvale Primary School's school uniform items is available in Appendix A to this Policy.

#### **General Appearance**

- 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.

#### **Hair and Sun Safety**

- Hair *shoulder-length and longer* must be tied back for health and safety reasons.
- Coloured hairspray is allowed for carnivals only and must be applied at home.
- School broad-brimmed/bucket hats must be worn outside unless under a permanent shelter structure.
- Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Caps are not suitable sun safety for school.

#### **Jewellery and Cosmetics**

- Make-up and jewellery are not appropriate. Single, plain studs or sleepers may be worn in the earlobes.

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- Smart watches are to be switched to 'airplane mode' or silent.
- Regular watches are allowed with any alarms silenced.
- Medical bracelets are permitted.
- Nail polish is not permitted.

### **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS:**

Uniforms are purchased from Uniform Concepts through online ordering or direct from the Uniform Superstore in Joondalup, located at 7 Delage Street, Joondalup Western Australia 6027.

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### **EXCURSIONS:**

Unless otherwise stated, students will be expected to wear full school uniform on excursions for safety and identification.

### **IMPLEMENTATION:**

Woodvale Primary 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 through the provision of second-hand uniform sales through the front office.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, the principal will be informed, and a phone call home made by a member of the administration team.

In this event of financial hardship, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support them.

### **EXEMPTIONS:**

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:

- 1) an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic, or cultural beliefs or background
- 2) the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- 3) the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate 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 school administration 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.

### **REVIEW CYCLE:**

*This Student Dress Code was endorsed by the Woodvale Primary School Board on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and will be reviewed in June 2026.*



**APPENDIX A  
UNIFORM PARTICULARS**

<b>TOPS</b>	<p>School unisex polo shirt with Woodvale Primary School logo *</p> <p>School fleece jacket with Woodvale Primary School logo *</p> <p>School microfibre jacket with Woodvale Primary School logo *</p> <p>Plain navy-blue windcheater/jacket (no logos of brands or sporting clubs)</p> <p>School faction shirt to be worn at sporting events and on assigned days (as communicated by the classroom teacher) *</p> <p>Year 6 students only will be permitted to wear graduation shirts and leadership shirts (where applicable)</p>
<b>BOTTOMS</b>	<p>Navy Zina skirt *</p> <p>Navy micromesh shorts *</p> <p>Navy cargo shorts *</p> <p>Navy-blue trackpants *</p> <p>Black or navy-blue tights *</p> <p>Generic navy-blue school skirts, shorts, tights, pants and trackpants</p>
<b>FOOTWEAR</b>	<p>Appropriate footwear secured to the foot (i.e. sandals, enclosed shoes, joggers)</p>
<b>HEADWEAR</b>	<p>Reversible broad-brimmed hat with Woodvale Primary School logo *</p> <p>Plain navy-blue bucket hat</p>

*\* Items followed by an asterisk are available direct from Uniform Concepts.*