



# STUDENT UNIFORM and DRESS CODE POLICY

## Purpose:

The purpose of the Student Uniform and Dress Code Policy is to outline Wonthaggi 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 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.

## Aim:

The Student Uniform and Dress Code aims to:

- Foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance.
- Support Wonthaggi Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- Promote equality amongst all students and reduce student competition on the basis of clothing.
- Enhance the positive 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 Uniform and Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

## Uniform and Appearance:

### All Students

- Bottle green and white checked A-line dress.
- Bottle green shorts, pleated skirt, skorts or pants or tracksuit pants.
- Grey pants, tracksuit pants or shorts.
- Leggings can be worn under a dress or skirt *only*. These are to be black, white or green
- Bottle green polo or bottle green and white sport polo shirt.
- Bottle green polar fleece, half zip jumper, full zip polar fleece jacket windcheater, fleecy windcheater, fleecy hoodie or full zip fleecy hoodie.
- Socks to be white, grey, green or black.
- Appropriate shoes.

- Approved Wonthaggi Primary School Sun Smart hats – Green. These must be worn from the beginning of September, through the Summer period, until the end of April, as outlined in the Sun smart Policy.
- Year 6 students may purchase Grade 6 uniform items.
- The Wonthaggi Primary School logo is the only permitted logo.

### **Sports**

- School house sports T-shirts or T-shirts in house colours.
- Bottle green and white sport polo shirt.
- Shorts or sports skirts.

### **General Appearance:**

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Wonthaggi 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 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.

### **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 from the beginning of September, through the Summer period until the end 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 that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

### **Purchase of Uniform:**

School uniforms are supplied by Totally Workwear Wonthaggi (TWW), located opposite the Safeway petrol Station, at 11 Murray Street, Wonthaggi. Orders may be made directly at TWW, or order forms can be collected from the office. TWW will embroider student's first initial and surname (e.g.: K Brown), OR students initials (e.g.: KB), above the school logo on uniform items, as requested. The additional cost for embroidery will be paid by parents.

School hats and bags are available for purchase at the school office.

## **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the school 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/>

Wonthaggi Primary School also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

### **Implementation:**

Wonthaggi Primary School will ensure that this Student Uniform and 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 Uniform and 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.

### **Exemptions to Student Uniform and 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 Uniform and 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 the Student Uniform and Dress Code:**

Wonthaggi Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Uniform and Dress Code Policy. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Uniform and Dress Code Policy, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on the Wonthaggi Primary School website.

### **Further Information and Resources:**

- Wonthaggi Primary School Sun Smart Policy
- Wonthaggi Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Wonthaggi 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](#).

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