

# Wilsonton State School Uniform Policy

**Rationale** - A Student Dress Code provides a set of guidelines for student dress that considers day to day comfort while pursuing school activities, sun safety, modesty and equity. Adherence to the school's dress code engenders a sense of belonging to the community. It is designed to represent and instil a sense of pride. This policy was developed in 2024 and has been endorsed by our P&C.

**Purpose** - A school uniform fosters self-discipline, community identity and pride in self and the school community. We are proud of our school and students demonstrate that pride by wearing the correct uniform as outlined in the following dress code. Our school believes there are benefits in students following an agreed upon dress code. These benefits include:

- **Appropriateness:** To ensure that all students are dressed appropriately for all school activities.
- **Safety:** To make student identification easier in the school grounds, while travelling to and from school and on excursions, and to provide for sun protection.
- **Equity:** To discourage fashion competition e.g. the wearing of brand names.
- **Expense:** To minimise the cost to families who wish to dress students appropriately.
- **Identity:** To develop a sense of pride and belonging to the school.

**Provisions and Exemptions** - The Principal has the discretion to vary the dress code for individual students following an application from a school family. Such variations may be defined periods of time or permanent in nature for the following reasons:

- Religious, cultural or ethnic reasons.
- New students or itinerant students.
- Genuine medical or family reasons.
- Provisions for students with disabilities.
- Transitional arrangements where students are wearing previously approved items for a reasonable period of time.

When there are individual cases of conflict with student dress codes, or persistent failure of a student to uphold the code, or a student is inappropriately dressed:

- If available, an offer of appropriate item/s from a bank of clothing/uniforms will be made.
- Parents/carers will be informed.

**If an indiscretion is habitual, it may draw addition consequences at the discretion of the Principal or Leadership Team.**

## Dress Code

- Plain blue or WSS school uniform shorts, skirts, skorts or pants
- Plain blue or WSS school uniform shirt
- Fully closed in shoes, preferable an athletic jogger style shoe (no crocs, thongs, ballet flats, cowboy boots or high heels)
- Socks, preferably white

- School hat – a brimmed bucket hat
- Plain blue jumper/jacket or WSS school uniform school jumper/jacket

No clothing outside of this list will be permitted. No clothing blankets such as oodies are to be worn to school. Clothing must also be named.

**Jewellery** - The wearing of jewellery is discouraged except for:

- Studs/sleepers in one or each ear for both girls and boys
- A ring or bangle if unable to come off or has significant religious importance
- Watch (not a smart watch)

All jewellery must be removed for swimming lessons and sporting events. Smart watches are also prohibited and cannot be worn or brought to school. The school will accept no responsibility for items brought to school if lost. No additional jewellery to the list is permitted. **Students cannot have facial piercing jewellery, including nose rings of any description or belly button jewellery.**

### **Hair**

All students with hair below shoulder length are required to have it tied back. This is due to health and safety issues. Students who have hair below shoulder length will be directed to tie it back if it isn't already tied back.

In addition, all jewellery and clothing must be worn in an **acceptable manner ensuring the appropriate size/length** to ensure students are clothed appropriately and to satisfy school health and safety regulations.

Thank you for your support of this policy and its expectations for students.