



# Werrimull P-12 School

## Uniform Policy

### **Rationale:**

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

### **Aims:**

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

### **Implementation:**

- After consultation with the school community, School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions. When students are on excursions they are expected to wear uniform with the school emblem visible.
- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Make-up must not be worn or applied during school hours.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside in terms 1 & 4. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Lost property will be placed in designated 'lost property' collection bins. Any items of clothing (without the school emblem printed on them) in the bins at the end of each semester will be donated to St Vincent de Paul.
- Uniform items can be purchased from the school.
- School Council requires the Principal and other members of the leadership group be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the School Council for consideration.
- Students are requested to bring a note from home if they are unable to wear their correct uniform. Notes should be handed to their classroom teacher in Period 1.
- *All students must have at least one navy polo shirt and one navy jumper or windcheater with the school emblem embroidered in white.*

### Summer Uniform

- Plain navy or grey school shorts/pants, skirt
- Plain navy (with or without school emblem)
- School dress- blue & white checked (girls)
- Plain navy windcheater or jumper (with or without school emblem)
- Black leather lace up school shoes or respectable runners
- Approved polo shirt with school emblem (VCE students)

### Winter Uniform

- Plain navy or grey school trousers/navy skirt
- Long or short sleeved plain navy or white polo shirt (with or without the school emblem)
- Plain navy windcheater or jumper (with or without the school emblem)
- Navy tights (girls)
- Black leather lace up school shoes or respectable runners

### Technology Classes

#### *DCT:*

- Students must wear enclosed leather footwear when working in the Technology room
- All other safety equipment will be provided by the school

#### *Food:*

- Students must wear enclosed leather footwear and an apron when completing practical tasks in the Food Technology room.

### Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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