



Uniform Policy

PURPOSE

The uniform dress code will foster student pride in their appearance and the recognition of belonging to Whittlesea Primary. 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

GUIDELINES

- The wearing of school uniform will be compulsory for all students
- The colours of the school uniform will be navy blue and gold, with the exception of a navy and white summer dress and will consist of a combination of items from the designated uniform list
- Daily footwear will consist of only traditional black school shoes (Lace up or Velcro only, no slip-ons) or predominantly black runners.
- Socks must be plain navy, white or black – no logos
- Students may change into any appropriate athletic footwear for PE / Sport lessons, regardless of colour.
- Students will be directed to tie back long hair when engaged in activities deemed to be high risk by school staff. These include but are not limited to sport, science experiments etc. Students are encouraged, but not required to have long hair tied back at all times relating to hygiene and safety reasons.
- Hair accessories must be blue, gold, white or black only. Clear nail polish is acceptable. Students are also encouraged to wear a wristwatch. Smart watches with the capacity to make calls, text or take photos or videos are not allowed to be at school and should be treated as a mobile phone (refer to Mobile Phone Student Use policy)
- Piercings are to be limited to gold / silver sleeper earrings or studs to be worn in the ear lobe(s) only. No other forms of jewellery are acceptable
- Students participating in all school events (sport, choir, art and excursions) or representing the school in other activities must wear the designated school uniform
- Students will be permitted to wear their WPS House Wristband as part of their school uniform. No other form of wristband will be permitted

- A navy blue sun smart school hat with a school logo is a compulsory item during the designated period noted by the SunSmart policy and a navy blue or school / house branded beanie can be worn during Terms 2 and 3
- Items of religious or cultural significance may be worn; head scarves should be school colours
- A Whittlesea Primary School bag is compulsory for all students
- A special year 6 commemorative jacket will be offered for purchase to all students in year 6 each year
- Upon discussion with the Principal/Assistant Principal, special payment arrangements can be made for those parents who find it difficult to purchase uniforms items

If a child is not wearing school uniform, the following steps will be followed:

- 1) **Stage 1** - Entry added to Compass which generates an automatic parent notification
- 2) **Stage 2** – When repeated entries are noted teachers will call parents to ask for more information and to offer support in helping the student adhere to the policy
- 3) **Stage 3** - Referral to the Principal or Assistant Principal to follow up with a phone call or meeting
- 4) **Stage 4** - Letter home from School Council

IMPLEMENTATION

- The student dress code including details of uniform items and the place of purchase will be published in the newsletter at the start of each term. The policy will also be available on the school website www.whittleseaps.vic.edu.au
- It will be the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure their children are wearing the correct school uniform. A note must be produced to explain any deviation from the policy and given to Principal/Assistant Principal.
- The responsibility for the implementation of the School Uniform Dress Code rests with the Principal, Assistant Principal and classroom teachers.
- From time to time, parents may donate second hand uniform items that can be used at the discretion of the Principal and Assistant Principal.

RESOURCING

- The School Uniform Shop will be outsourced to Academy Uniforms for the term of the contract.
- All families will purchase uniform garments from the above-mentioned supplier and these items will remain unaltered in their appearance. Embroidered copies will not be permitted as it will be a breach of copyright and contract.

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last reviewed and approved by school council on Tuesday 21st March 2023 and is scheduled for evaluation and review in March 2026.