



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 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.

- Hair colours should be natural shades only. Hair accessories must be blue, gold, white or black only. Clear nail polish is acceptable. Students are also encouraged to wear a wristwatch.
- 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.
- A navy blue sun smart school hat with a school logo is a compulsory item during Terms 1 and 4 and a navy blue beanie can be worn during Terms 2 and 3.
- 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) **First incident** - Verbal request to student and a non-uniform notification slip to parents. Entry added to Student Management Tool
- 2) Student will change into the WPS uniform jacket/pants for the school day if available
- 3) **Second Incident** – As per actions in (1) and (2) and phone call to parents by class teacher.
- 4) **Third Incident** - Referral to the Principal or Assistant Principal to follow up with a phone call
- 5) **Fourth Incident** - 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 Northern Regional Uniforms for the term of the contract.
- All families will purchase uniform garments from the supplier. Embroidered copies will not be accepted as it will be a breach of copyright and contract.

Evaluation:

- All students in the school wearing school uniform.

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

Policy ratified by school council in...

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