



UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE POLICY

Policy No: 2.11

Preamble

A dress code which incorporates school uniform 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, expense and choice are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the dress code.

Purpose

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with, and respect for their 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 for implementation

- After consultation with the school community, the students and the Junior School Council, School Council will develop 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 student uniform and dress code policy, including details of uniform items, Uniform shop hours and the uniform ordering process will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year. Uniform order forms will be on the website and available at the office.
- The dress code/uniform applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, when students are on school excursions and when students represent the school. Casual dress days may be held throughout the year and the students are not required to wear school uniform on these days.
- Parents must send a written request to the school excusing their child from wearing any item of school uniform on a particular day and outlining the reason.
- When a student is consistently out of uniform, without a valid reason, parents will be contacted by the Principal, Assistant Principal or teacher.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is a Sun smart hat consistent with our Sun smart policy. Hats must be worn outside from September 1 to May 1.

- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the student dress code in a manner consistent with the Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy guidelines.
- 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 Principal.
- Any changes to the uniform will be undertaken under the auspice of the Uniform Committee and only after consultation with the whole school community as per DEECD guidelines. A uniform committee comprising of parent representatives, staff and students will be established to oversee and recommend any changes to school uniform policy or uniform items.
- Items of clothing which are found but do not carry a name, will be put in 'Lost Property'. Lost property not collected by the end of the term will be donated to the Second hand uniform shop and proceeds will be donated to the school.
- The school will run a second hand uniform shop once a term providing that there are parent volunteers to manage the operation of the shop. (See Appendix below for Second Hand Uniform policy)

In choosing a uniform for Wales Street Primary School, the Uniform Committee has ensured our uniform is:

- Comfortable, practical, safe, easy to launder, modest, cost effective, hard wearing, suited to school activities and seasonal weather patterns.
- Distinctive- providing a positive image for public education and our school
- Supportive of our sun smart policy with a " NO HAT NO PLAY" expectation and two choices of hat styles
- Suitable for all body types and students prep –grade 6
- Enhanced by a new school logo
- Accompanied by a designated bag (optional) which carries WSPS logo and which is specifically designed to support student's backs by reducing stress on spines.
- Made in Australia to as great an extent as possible.
- Supplier is selected based on" Fair- Wear" manufacturing standards accreditation.
- Considerate of the suggestions given by parents in the uniform survey conducted in 2010
- Able to be individualised by choice of garments that are within the concept of the school colours and uniform standards.

Expectations:

- The school and parent community expects that students will be fully outfitted with the prescribed Wales Street Primary School uniform.
- All items of school uniform must be clearly labelled with the students' name.
- Correct school uniform is a condition for attendance on excursions and for representative sports as well as any other representative school activity.
- 'NO HAT NO PLAY" requires that any student without a school hat must remain in a designated shaded area during recess and lunch playtimes. Hats are not to be worn inside.

- Shoes need to be enclosed with a flat heel. Sport shoes should be worn on days when PE or sports activities are scheduled.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed tri annually as part of the policy review cycle.

DRESS CODE

<p>COMPULSORY UNIFORM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School logos on short and long sleeved polos, • Choice of School logo bomber jackets, hooded or plain windcheaters, or jumpers • Choice of plain navy shorts, cargo pants, bootleg or track pants, skorts • Dress choice- WSPS Blue, red and white check dress ,or navy/red check tunic (winter option) • School colour Sunsmart hats in terms 1 and 4. (September 1 – May 1)
<p>OPTIONAL - able to purchase from school supplier or other source but not compulsory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logo navy school bag • Navy vests (with or without logo) • Plain red, white or navy skivvies • Navy blue beanies • Gloves, jackets and scarves for winter • Navy waterproof Jacket • Navy Leggings • Tights/bike shorts worn under dresses
<p>FOOTWEAR-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Runners or sturdy shoes/boots for general daywear (closed toe) • No thongs, scuffs, high heels, beach sandals or flimsy sandals (no open toe) • Preferably rubber soled shoes or shoes that enable children to be active and able to play safely
<p>NOT Acceptable items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items of clothing with visible brands other than WSPS logo • Hats other than school issue • No Denim

No clothing items are restricted to summer or winter.

Uniform choice can be worn all year round, e.g, summer dress/shorts can be worn throughout winter if preferred.

Appendix One

Second Hand Uniform Policy

Guidelines for Implementation

- The second hand uniform shop will be run as a donated/recycled clothing system with sales to go to the school as a part of fundraising efforts.
- This service will be run provided we have volunteers from the parent community to manage the operation of the Second Hand uniform shop and will be conducted no more than once a term.
- Sale days and collection dates will be advertised in the newsletter and through our social media channels of communication (Facebook, website, twitter).
- All donations will be collected at the office during collection times only.
- All donations should be items that are branded with the school logo or PSW label (not including graduation tops or hats).
- All items must be freshly laundered and in good condition for resale (eg; free of stains or tears)
- Unclaimed and unnamed items of Lost Property will be donated to the Second hand uniform shop after the end of each term.
- A reconciliation of all collected monies will be reported to school council annually
- People who wish to be remunerated for their uniform items can do so privately.