



UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE POLICY

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

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Wales Street Primary School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Wales Street PS School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- Foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- Support Wales Street Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- Enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

Scope

Students are expected to comply with this Uniform policy while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities

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. There are 2 designated shade areas: the oval deck & the deck at the back of the hall

Wales Street Primary School’s compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

Sun safety

School uniform hats must be worn outside from September 1 until May 1 and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may be worn also outside this time period by parent or student’s choice.

COMPULSORY UNIFORM
<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 Sun smart hats in terms 1 and 4. (September 1 – May 1)
OPTIONAL - able to purchase from school supplier or other source but not compulsory
<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/school Beanie [beanies are not to be worn inside] • Gloves, jackets and scarves for winter • Navy waterproof Jacket • Navy Leggings/Black Leggings • Tights/bike shorts worn under dresses • Hats other than school issue: It is preferable for a hat in school colours
FOOTWEAR-
<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 • Socks of appropriate length & colour
NOT Acceptable items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Items of clothing with visible brands other than WSPS logo • No Denim • Clothes not in school colours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No clothing items are restricted to summer or winter. • Uniform choice can be worn all year round, eg: Summer dress/shorts can be worn throughout winter if preferred.

Implementation

Wales Street Primary School will ensure that this Uniform/ Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and on Compass School Documentation. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible. 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.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the uniform/dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Assistant Principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

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 Assistant Principal or class teacher.

Consistent with our Sun smart policy, a compliant hat 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.

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 collection and proceeds will be donated to the school.

Exemptions to the Uniform/ Dress Code

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.

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person to the Principal for an exemption to this Uniform/Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers

- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The school will provide opportunities to purchase second hand uniform once a term at the school and will be advertised via the Compass portal
(See Appendix below for Second Hand Uniform policy)

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from PSW at their store or parents may order it directly online through the website link on our webpage.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

Evaluation

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

Further information and resources

- Wales Street Primary School SunSmart Policy
- Wales Street Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy

Appendix

Second Hand Uniform

Guidelines for Implementation

- The second hand uniform collection will be run as a donated/recycled clothing system with sales to go to the school as a part of a community service for families
- This service will be run provided by the school 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
- 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 collection after the end of each term.
- People who wish to be remunerated for their uniform items can do so privately.

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