



Wales Street Primary School



Student Dress Code Policy



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school office on 94843949.

PURPOSE

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

This dress code has been developed by Wales Street Primary School's 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 and their school
- 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

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 Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM

- No clothing items are restricted to season or gender
- Uniform choice can be worn all year round, e.g, summer dress/shorts can be worn throughout winter if preferred

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

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, track pants or skort • Dress choice- WSPS Blue, red and white check dress, or navy/red check tunic • School colour (red or navy) 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 • Red, white or navy polos/t-shirts • Navy vests (with or without logo) • Navy blue beanies/school beanie [beanies are not to be worn inside] • Gloves, jackets and scarves for winter • Navy waterproof Jacket • Navy Leggings • Tights/bike shorts worn under dresses • Sunsmart hat other than school issue: It is preferable for a hat in school colours • Branded school t-shirts
FOOTWEAR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Runners or sturdy shoes/boots for general daywear (closed toe) • Closed toe sandals • Rubber soled shoes or shoes that enable children to be active and able to play safely • Socks should be red, white or blue
NON 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 • No thongs, scuffs, high heels, beach sandals or flimsy sandals (no open toe)

Jewellery

Students are strongly encouraged not to wear jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears are the only acceptable jewellery. Personal items are the responsibility of the parents.

Hair

Students with shoulder length or longer hair are encouraged to tie back their hair to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

Sun safety

School uniform hats must be worn outside from September 1st to May 1st. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time frame, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORM

Uniform items can be purchased from PSW online through our school website or in person at PSW, Kew East (current address: 12 Strathalbyn St, Kew East VIC 3102).

There is a second-hand uniform stall at the school in Term 1, 2 & 3. Uniform donations can be received by the school office at any time.

Grade 6 hoodies and year 6 polos are not compulsory uniform items but are available for purchase directly through PSW.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or the school office 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/>

IMPLEMENTATION

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

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a Compass notification will be sent to the parents by teachers. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the 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.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

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 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

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website and on Compass
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Wales Street Primary School [Sunsmart Policy](#)
- Wales Street Primary School Parent [Complaint Policy](#)
- Wales Street Primary School [Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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