



## Dress Standards and Uniform at Wanniassa School

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### Dress Standards and Uniform Information and Procedures

#### Introduction

Wanniassa School's uniform and dress standards meet the requirements of the Education Directorate's *Dress Standards and Uniforms in Canberra Public Schools 2016 Policy*. Our uniform was designed with our school community including students, staff and families and was endorsed by the School Board in 2018. The uniform will be introduced over the 2019 - 2021 academic years. The uniform transition period exists to enable families to use previous uniform items until 2021.

#### Rationale

Our school uniform is a visual representation of the standards expected of students and plays an important role in promoting a positive image of our school. Our uniform aims to support all students to participate fully in school life and help create a sense of identity and a school culture where every student experiences a sense of belonging. School uniform ensures all students are easily recognisable as belonging to our school and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities. School uniform is affordable for families and eliminates the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes.

Our school uniform aligns with health and safety considerations, anti-discrimination and human rights legislation which protects the rights of students to participate in education safely, actively and equally.

#### Implementing school uniform requirements

Students attending Wanniassa School are expected to wear school uniform while travelling to and from school, at school and while attending official school activities.

#### The School Uniform

We want all students to access the full range of activities at our school and feel comfortable whilst they do so. Our uniform options promote equity and freedom of choice for all students by categorising options by clothing type rather than gender. This empowers all young people, including those who express their identity in diverse ways; to choose from options which meet the uniform standards, without enforcing gendered items that may cause discomfort, anxiety or distress.

Students can choose from the variety of items listed below:

- Navy blue polo shirt with school logo
- Navy blue jumper with school logo
- Navy blue polar fleece jacket with school logo
- Navy blue hoodie with school logo (Yr 6-10)
- Navy blue or black shorts
- Navy blue or black pants/tracksuit
- Navy blue or black jeans (Yr 7-10)
- Blue check dress P-6
- Blue check skirt 7-10
- White buttoned shirt or blouse
- Navy blue bucket hat (summer)
- Navy blue or black beanie (winter)
- Black Leggings\* *Note: must be covered by a dress, skirt or shorts.*

## **Physical Education (PE) Uniform for Year 7-10**

For PE, students are required to wear the PE Uniform:

- Red polo with school logo
- Plain navy or black sports shorts or tracksuit pants
- Sports shoes

We take pride in our school and our students, so please ensure all items students wear are tidy and in good repair. Items and suppliers have been chosen to ensure affordability, quality and comfort.

## **Health, Wellbeing and Safety**

Jewellery - to avoid injury, studs and small sleepers are the only acceptable earrings.

Footwear - students are required to wear appropriate footwear designed to securely enclose the foot. Sneakers are recommended as they are durable and meet Workplace Health and Safety requirements and allow students to actively participate in school activities. Thongs, ugg boots, ballet flats, sandals and other similar footwear are not appropriate.

Sun Safety - In accordance with the ACT Cancer Society policy, a wide brim hat is necessary. The Cancer Council recommends broad-brim (cricket style), legionnaire and, bucket-style hats. Hats are required for outside activities from August-May each year for all pre-school to year 6 students.

Dressing for the weather - To maintain health and wellbeing, students are asked to dress appropriately for the weather conditions. A variety of options are available to suit Canberra's climate.

Special considerations - students who require modification or adjustments to the school uniform due to health, wellbeing, disability, cultural and/or religious beliefs; are encouraged to meet with the Principal to discuss how we can support you.

Special exemptions - the Principal may grant all students a uniform exemption for designated special events such as fundraising uniform-free days and school carnivals. House colours should be worn at whole school events such as athletics or swimming carnivals.

## **When a student isn't in uniform**

Our community has an important role to play in encouraging students to wear our school's uniform. We ask parents and carers to support this procedure and ensure students are appropriately dressed to participate in school activities. Students will be asked for a note of explanation from parents/ carers if they arrive at school without their uniform.

If students do not meet uniform expectations the following actions may occur:

- Students will be provided with an appropriate option from the clothing pool to wear
- Access to areas of the playground may be restricted. For example, primary students who do not have a hat will be required to play in shaded areas.
- Students may not be able to participate in extra-curricular or school activities which are additional to the regular educational program, for example excursions, incursions, sports days. Students will not be prevented from participating in curriculum activities, except where necessary for safety reasons. In this instance alternative educational activities will be provided.
- Students who are consistently out of uniform will be required to attend a meeting with the Student Services team to discuss a solution that meets the expectations of the school community. The student's parents or carers will be invited to attend the meeting.

- Further consequences will be implemented if a student persistently wears inappropriate dress after discussions have been held with parents or carers.

## **Purchasing School Uniforms**

[Workin' Gear School](#) wear in Fyshwick supplies school logo/branded items. Non-branded items can be purchased from a variety of retail stores that sell general school uniform items including Big W, K-Mart and Target.

Parent volunteers operate a second-hand uniform shop. Pre-loved items can be donated at any time via the front office. Families can purchase branded uniform items for a nominal cost. Refer to the uniform section of the school website or contact the Junior campus front office for opening hours.

For families experiencing financial hardship, our school can provide assistance with uniforms. Please speak with the Principal for more information.

## **Monitoring, Evaluation and Review**

The Principal is responsible for the development of this procedure and to ensure positive reinforcement of the procedure occurs through regular reminders, for example via the school's Facebook page, newsletters, information nights and other communication channels.

Any concerns about the application of this procedure or the procedure itself, should be raised with:

- the school Principal in the first instance;
- the Directorate's Liaison Unit on (02) 6205 5429;
- online at [http://www.education.act.gov.au/contact\\_us](http://www.education.act.gov.au/contact_us);

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## **Related documents**

[Dress Standards and Uniforms in Canberra Public Schools Policy and Procedure](#)

[Dress Standards and Uniforms fact sheet for parents and carers](#)

[Sun UV Protection Policy](#)

[Offering Students Equitable Uniform Options](#)

## **Related Legislation**

[Discrimination Act 1991](#)

[Disability Discrimination Act 1992](#)

[Racial Discrimination Act 1975](#)

[Human Rights Act 2004](#)

[Work Health and Safety Act 2011](#)