

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

RATIONALE

Werribee Primary School has always had a strong tradition of students wearing a uniform. The maroon colour associated with the school is known and recognised around the wider Wyndham community, giving students a sense of belonging and a degree of security. The uniform assists the students to feel pride in their school and themselves.

AIMS

School Council requires all students to wear the official school uniform to:

- Create a distinctive, attractive, practical mode of dress in the school colour of maroon.
- Create and promote a sense of belonging to Werribee Primary School.
- To identify students in the community, particularly during school excursions, sporting activities and special occasions.

IMPLEMENTATION

- The dress code applies during school hours and whilst travelling to and from school.
- The wearing of school uniform is compulsory for all students at Werribee Primary School.
- The wearing of sports uniforms is compulsory at sporting competitions.
- On school house sport days children may wear t-shirts in house colours.
- The wearing of school uniform is required on excursions and outings where appropriate. Instructions for uniform to be worn will be included on written notifications of impending excursions and outings.
- Maroon hats (in Legionnaire, Wide-Brimmed or Bucket style) which are deemed sun smart and official uniform garments, will be required to be worn outside during the months of September to the end of April. A *'no hat, no play'* policy applies during September to the end of April.
- Year six students may purchase and wear, as part of their uniform, a Year 6 T-shirt or Bomber Jacket, which will be available by ordering early in the school year.
- Students new to the school will be allowed three weeks in which to comply with the Student Dress Code.
- The school has a uniform shop and a second hand uniform shop available for parents / guardians to purchase uniform items. The school will use the services of State Schools' Relief in appropriate circumstances.
- When a student does not comply with the uniform options, his/her parents or guardians will be contacted and provided with a copy of the uniform requirements. This letter will seek their support of school policy and explain avenues of assistance available.
- Consistent failure to wear school uniform will incur consequences. (In the case of sporting competitions and excursions pupils will not participate.)
- The only acceptable earrings are small sleepers or studs. Other jewellery, including facial piercings, is not permitted.
- Makeup and coloured nail polish is not acceptable to be worn to school.
- Hair is to be of a natural colour. Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back.
- Shoes must be black school shoes or runners (it is not compulsory to wear black runners, ensuring toes and heels are covered. No thongs or open toed sandals or clogs are to be worn.

OFFICIAL UNIFORM GARMENTS FOR WERRIBEE PRIMARY SCHOOL

General Uniform

Shorts:	<i>Maroon unisex rugby knit Maroon basketball mesh Grey cotton drill</i>
Tracksuit Pants:	<i>Maroon or Grey</i>
Cargo Pants:	<i>Grey</i>
Short Sleeve Polo Shirt:	<i>Maroon</i>
Long Sleeve Polo Shirt:	<i>Maroon</i>
Skivvy:	<i>Maroon</i>
Windcheater:	<i>Maroon</i>
Rugby Top:	<i>Maroon (sky blue stripe)</i>
Kilt:	<i>Maroon Check</i>
Dress:	<i>Maroon & White Check</i>
Hijab:	<i>Maroon or Black</i>
Hats:	<i>Maroon Legionnaire, Wide Brimmed or Bucket hats during September-April</i>
Shoes:	<i>School Shoes or Runners (toes and heels must be covered in)</i>
Socks:	<i>Grey or white</i>
Tights:	<i>Black or Navy</i>

Sports Uniform

Shorts:	<i>Maroon</i>
Polo Shirt:	<i>Maroon</i>
Netball Skirt:	<i>Maroon (Netball skirts are not to be worn as school uniform)</i>

Runners

Optional Items:

Raincoat:	<i>Maroon</i>
Scarf/Beanie:	<i>Maroon</i>

No logos or advertising on clothing

EXEMPTIONS

Grounds for seeking exemptions:-

- an aspect of the policy offends a religious belief held by the student or parents.
- an aspect of the policy prevents the student from complying with a requirement of his/her ethnic or cultural background.
- the parents of the student can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the policy.
- the student has a particular health condition or disability that requires the policy to be departed from.

Procedures for seeking exemptions :-

- Parents contact the principal and state on what grounds they wish to seek exemption and complete a proforma application for exemption.
- Evidence from other sources may be submitted in writing to support the request for exemption.
- Requests for exemption will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Granting of exemptions :-

- This will be the sole responsibility of the principal.
- The principal will treat each application on its merits and consider what kind of exemption or modification of the Dress Code requirements may be appropriate.
- Decisions made will be conveyed to the parent / guardian in writing.
- A summary of applications for exemption and decisions made will be reported to School Council at the following School Council meeting.

Enforcement of Dress Code

- When a student does not comply with the uniform options, his/her parents or guardians will be contacted and provided with a copy of the uniform requirements. This letter will seek their support of school policy and explain avenues of assistance available.
- Students NOT wearing School Uniform will be excluded from excursions and inter school sporting competitions.

- Students not complying with the school hat policy will remain undercover (breezeway) during recess and lunchtimes for the months of September to end of April.

Communication

- The School Council Policy Statement on Dress Code will be publicised at the beginning of each year.
- Copies of the policy will be available on Werribee Primary School Website.
- Copies of the policy will be given to all new enrolments.

REFERENCES

The Victorian Government Schools Policy and Advisory Guide – Student Dress Code

http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/referenceguide/enviro/4_8

EVALUATION

A review of the Dress Code Policy will be conducted every two years.

This policy encompasses all aspects of Werribee Primary School including Outside School Hours Care

This policy was approved at School Council Meeting on: *16 October 2012*