

WILLMOTT PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY

BASIC BELIEFS:

The community by democratic process overwhelmingly expressed a desire for a school uniform. Students in uniform are readily identified with our school and should wear the uniform with pride. Compulsory uniform reduces peer pressure to purchase expensive clothing.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- School uniform is compulsory for all students with specified modifications according to age and activity.
- The uniform should be readily available to all parents and students.
- There is a specific uniform style and colour.
- In cases of hardship the school will endeavour to assist with provision of uniform.
- The uniform is to be enforced as part of the school rules.

BASIS FOR DISCRETION

- Students enrolling after the start of the school year will be allowed to wear their previous school uniform for a time to be negotiated with the Principal.
- Students experiencing physical difficulties wearing school uniform maybe granted partial exemptions by the Principal.
- Parents will be notified about out of uniform days in writing or via the school newsletter.
- The only items of jewellery permitted are wristwatches and sleepers or studs in the ears.

IMPLEMENTATION

- After consultation with the school community and the Student Representative Council, School Council has developed 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 Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions including interschool sport.
- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as a sports uniform will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
- During terms 1 and 4 students are required to wear a prescribed school sun hat as a part of school uniform. Not hat no play policy applies. Hats are not to be worn inside. PFA will investigate a school woollen 'beanie' for winter.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Extreme hair colours (except where a special day has been designated for social service etc) - eg: green, pink or purple rinses and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
- Hair accessories should be selected to conform to the colour scheme prescribed in the uniform list.
- Footwear should be conventional runners or school-type shoes. Thongs or open-toed sandals are not permitted
- Only neutral coloured socks are permitted – e.g. grey, maroon, white that combine with school uniform.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- Parents and Friends Association will operate a second hand uniform store for parents.

- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- 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.
- Students who bring a note regarding being out of uniform will be given a uniform pass for the day. Students who are regularly out of uniform will be referred to the Principal or Assistant Principal. Parents will be contacted and if necessary a meeting arranged to discuss the issue.
- Parents will be requested to explain why students are not in full uniform to the School Administration.

PURCHASE AND SUPPLY

- School uniform items are available from the uniform shop operated by the Willmott Park PFA. A list of items is available from the school office and is published regularly with an order form via the school newsletter. The uniform shop, located near the gymnasium, is open at advertised times during the week.
- The uniform shop offers a range of second-hand uniform in good condition and depending on availability. These items are either donated or may be sold on commission.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

(Attached list of approved school uniform)

IMPLEMENTATION

- Staff are expected to support the policy and refer students out of uniform, without a note, to Paul or Evan
- Students whose parents have genuine difficulty in providing school uniform will be supported via state school's relief or a second hand uniform provided free by the school.
- Students out of uniform without a note from parents meet with Paul or Evan to discuss reasons and a note sent home to parents.
- Students continually out of uniform, after all other support measures will result in time out or detention depending on frequency.
- The implementation processes will be reviewed after 6 months of this policy operating