



Student Uniform and Dress Code Policy

PURPOSE

To outline Waverley Meadows 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 Waverley Meadows Primary 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 Waverley Meadows Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal
- ensure students are dressed safely, comfortably and appropriately for school activities and weather
- 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 unless otherwise stated.

There is no summer or winter uniform limitation. Students should wear items that are suited to the weather and their own comfort levels.

SUPPLY

Uniform items are available for purchase from the uniform supplier, currently Ross Haywood Sports, Ringwood. Items may be purchased online and delivered to school.

- The full list of Waverley Meadows Primary School's school uniform items is available at Appendix A to this policy.
- A limited number of second-hand uniform items are available for purchase from the school office, for a nominal fee.

Due to the phasing out of the old school logo, we can no longer accept donated items unless they are plain navy or have our new logo (wattle).

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/>

IMPLEMENTATION

Compulsory Uniform Items

- Students are expected to wear a top and/or jacket that includes the school logo.
NB. From 2023, any new students to the school must have items containing the new school logo only (wattle). From 2025, it is expected the old logo will be completely phased out.
- Pants, shorts, skirts or leggings should be Navy in colour. These items are available from RHSports but can be purchased anywhere.
- Summer dresses are blue and white checked and available from RHSports. Students may wear dress or shorts/pants and school polo top.
- A broad brimmed hat is required in term 1 and 4 in accordance with the school's SunSmart policy. For activities outside of school (excursions, sport etc.) the hat must be navy in colour. Hats with school logo are available from RHSports.
- Closed-toe shoes must be worn. Footwear should be appropriate for sport and play.

Other Clothing and Uniform Items

- Additional layers of clothing may be worn for added warmth. Undergarments (t-shirts, skivvies, leggings etc.) should match the school colours (navy, yellow or blue).
- Coats, scarves and beanies can be worn outside for warmth and protection from rain.
- Navy, black or white socks are preferred.

Jewellery and Cosmetics

Jewellery worn to school is done so at the owner's own risk. The school will not accept any responsibility for lost or broken items of jewellery.

- Earrings should be small sleepers or studs. Dangly earrings or large hoop earrings are not permitted due to being a health and safety risk.
- Necklaces and bracelets can pose a risk to health and safety if too dangly or restrictive and therefore must be worn inside clothing where possible and kept to a minimum.
- Bulky rings are not permitted for the reasons outlined above.
- Make-up is not recommended for primary school students, though a light concealer or foundation for self-conscious students is permitted if it assists the student to feel more confident.
- Clear lip balm for sun or wind protection is permitted. Eye make-up (mascara, eyeshadow) and lipstick is not permitted.
- Fake/Acrylic nails are not permitted. Nails should be kept at a length that is not restrictive to students participating in regular school activities, sport and play.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

In addition to broad brimmed hats for sun-safety, students are permitted and encouraged to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Waverley Meadows Primary School students must ensure:

- Uniforms are clean and in good repair
- Uniforms are clearly named

- Clothing worn to school must not be offensive in any way (inappropriate words, logos or images)

COMMUNICATION

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

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

Measures taken by Waverley Meadows Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

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
- 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 Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Waverley Meadows Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Waverley Meadows Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Waverley Meadows Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Waverley Meadows 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](#).

REVIEW CYCLE

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council on 16th June 2022 and is scheduled for review in June 2025.

APPENDIX A: WAVERLEY MEADOWS PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS



Waverley Meadows PS
Waterproof Jacket
RETWV-JK01



Waverley Meadows PS
Bomber Jacket
RETWV-BJ01



Active Stretch Pant
PA-RH03



Trackpant Straight Leg
Hemmed with Reinforced Knee
PA-AG04



Jersey Short
SH-RH01



Skort
SK-SC01



Waverley Meadows PS Surf
Hat
RETWV-HA02



Waverley Meadows PS Beanie
RETWV-HA05



Summer Dress A Line
DR-RH01



Backsack / Library Bag
BA-EC01



Waverley Meadows PS Reader
Bag
RETWV-BA02



Waverley Meadows Library
Bag
RETWV-BA03



NYDA Active Pak Waverley
Meadows PS
RETWV-BA01