



WOODHILL STATE SCHOOL

"Together we care, Grow and Learn"

DRESS CODE

The following Dress Code has been developed and adopted by the Parents and Citizens Association of Woodhill State School under the authority granted in the Education General Provisions Act 2006 and reflects the schools community standards.

Students and parents are expected to comply with the requirements of the policy. Non-compliance will result in consequences outlined below.

This policy has been developed with the following relevant information in mind.

- Anti-Discrimination Act 1991
- Workplace Health and safety Act 1995
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992

And related procedures in mind

- Safe, Supportive and Disciplined School – SMS-PR-021
- Developing a Sun Safety Strategy – HLS-PR-012
- Inclusive education – CRP-PR-009

Statement of Intent

Our Dress Code is an agreed standard of clothing, footwear and attire that a student at Woodhill State School wears when

- Attending or representing their school
- Attending school excursions and camps, unless otherwise stated.
- Taking part in class photos or other ceremonies
- Running parade or other school activities
- Travelling to and from school
- Engaging in school activities out of school hours
- Participating at sports day (it is expected that students will wear the house coloured T-shirt available from the uniform shop. This promotes greater team spirit.)

It aims to contribute to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through

- Ready identification of students, or non-students
- Fostering a sense of belonging
- Developing mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic or social difference

Our Dress Code clearly outlines and documents standards of acceptable or reasonable dress in relation to the clothing worn, including headwear and footwear and other aspects of personal presentation. Inappropriate dress refers to clothing worn that is offensive, unsafe, likely to disrupt or may cause a health and safety risk to others.

Free Dress Days

Students are expected to wear clothing that is tasteful and that offers adequate protection from the sun. In particular

- T-shirts should not display rude or suggestive messages
- Students are to wear clothing that covers their shoulders and midriff (no singlet's)

Uniforms

It is expected that our school uniform (Details of our uniform are listed in the Parent Handbook) will be worn every day for the following reasons

- Uniforms are serviceable garments that are long-wearing and represent value for money
- They promote a sense of belonging and pride in the school
- They are readily available from the school uniform shop

Our uniform has been carefully chosen to provide protection from the sun and is equitable for both sexes. Our uniforms are carefully reviewed each year to ensure that they are not discriminatory for students or for families to purchase.

Refer to the A-Z area of the parent handbook

Hats

The P&C Association supplies every new student to our school a broad brimmed, sun safe school hat. Parents are encouraged to actively discourage the wearing of caps in favour of the school hat. This is especially important for students who play sport at lunchtime. Hats are often reported missing as a result of the students names not being clearly marked inside.

- Hats are available from the P&C Uniform shop
- Hats must be worn for ALL outdoor play and class activities.
- Hats are not permitted indoors or on parade.
- Visors and hoods are not considered suitable for outdoor play
- A similar coloured legionnaire's hat is acceptable for students who play sport.

Shoes and Socks

- Shoes and socks must be worn at all times while students are at school. This includes travel to and from school.
- Only closed in shoes are suitable for sport.
- Students who do not have closed in shoes are NOT permitted to move away from the undercover area.

Year 6 Shirt

The year 6 shirt can be worn by students at school in place of the school uniform except when

- Attending official ceremonies, running parade or representing the school.

Non Essential Items

The wearing of jewellery items is to be kept to a minimum due to possible loss, damage or risk of personal injury. Items permitted

- Sleepers and studs, in ears only (maximum of two per ear)
- A watch

Valuable items such as expensive watches should not be worn to school due to possible loss or damage. All other jewellery items including dangly earrings, bracelets and chains, necklaces or anklets are not considered appropriate school wear. (Written requests from parents are required should exemptions be sought on religious or medical grounds)

Hair Styles

- Students are expected to be well groomed at all times
- Outlandish hairstyles and outlandish colours are not permitted.
- Shaved heads-including tracks and designs-with or without rats tails are not permitted.
- Hair must be tied back if it is long enough to tie back.

Swimming Costumes

- 1 Piece – recommended
- 2 piece – wear SPF or rash shirt
- Bathing caps – are preferred but not compulsory
- Sunscreen is recommended as part of our sun smart policy, applied 15 mins prior to the session. Each class is supplied with sunscreen. Students that require specialised sunscreen are to provide their own.
- No jewellery or watches are to be worn due to possible loss or damage.
- Wearing of long board shorts and T-shirt is not recommended as this does not assist students learn the use of correct stroke technique.

Consequences for Non-Compliance and Resolving Conflict.

Although students will not be suspended directly as a result of non-compliance with Dress Code, consequences given will accumulate as per the Code of School Behaviour policy and may add to a students overall consequential tally.

Students will not be stopped from participating in activities that are deemed essential school educational programs as a result of non-compliance.

Non-Compliance process

- 1st Occurrence
Speak to student – dress Code reminder and loss of privileges according to dress Code. Example; Student may not be able to play, attend an excursion, represent the school, etc
- 2nd Occurrence
Minor detention – Student privileges lost according to dress code policy. Parents are contacted and the situation discussed as to possible objections/exemptions on religious or medical grounds and a mutually acceptable resolution.

Continued non-compliance will result in continued loss of privileges and minor detentions and parent meetings.

Special Circumstances – Parents in financial hardship can be assisted through the P&C by having access to a bank of seconds, school uniforms that are held at the school.