



# WATTLE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

## STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

### Purpose

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Wattle Park 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 Wattle Park Primary School's 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 Wattle Park Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- 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 except where an exemption is given by School Council

### Uniform

The uniform will consist of a combination of items from the designated uniform listed below.

<b>F - 4</b>			
<b>GENERAL CLOTHING</b>			
<b>T1</b>	<b>T2</b>	<b>T3</b>	<b>T4</b>
Summer Dress	Tartan Pinafore		Summer Dress
Green Skort	Tartan Skort		Green Skort
Green Shorts			
Green Tracksuit pants			
Yellow or green polo			
School Bomber Jacket			
School Hoody			
<b>SHOES - enclosed</b>			
Runners			
Black shoes			
<b>SOCKS and Tights</b>			
White or green socks			
Green tights			
<b>Yr 5 - 6</b>			
<b>GENERAL CLOTHING</b>			

T1	T2	T3	T4
Summer Dress	Tartan Pinafore		Summer Dress
Green Skort	Tartan Skort		Green Skort
Green Shorts			
Plain black tracksuit pants or skins or leggings			
School Yellow or green polo			
School Bomber Jacket			
School Hoody			
<b>SHOES - enclosed</b>			
Runners			
Black shoes			
<b>SOCKS and TIGHTS</b>			
White or green socks			
Black tights			
<b>SPORTS UNIFORM Yr 4-6</b>			
Specialist PE or Sports days only			
WPPS Sports Top – Wattle logo			
Black shorts			
<b>ACCESSORIES</b>			
<b>HATS</b>			
A legionnaire, bucket or slouch hat is to be worn for outside play from September to May Hats are not to be worn inside.			
<b>HAIR</b>			
Ribbons headbands etc to be in school colours of green and or yellow Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety			
<b>EARRINGS</b>			
Sleepers or studs only			
<b>COSMETICS</b>			
Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted			
<b>SUNGLASSES</b>			
Students are permitted 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.			

## Notes

- Summer school dress in Term 1 and 4, Winter tunic or divided skirt in Terms 2 and 3
- Bike pants may be worn under uniforms as long as they are not visible
- Students without a hat will be directed to and must remain in the designated shaded area.
- A smock is needed for art classes and it is strongly recommended that this be of thick fabric or waterproof nylon to prevent paint penetration
- The use of the Wattle Park school bag is encouraged
- Variations religious beliefs will be considered on a case by case basis

***The Principal and Assistant Principal reserve the right to deem any uniform choice inappropriate and give direction accordingly.***

## General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Wattle Park School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

## Purchase of Uniforms

Wattle Park Primary School Uniform items can be purchased from Primary Schoolwear: [www.psw.com.au](http://www.psw.com.au)

Wattle Park Primary School also operates a second-hand uniform store. Contact Wattle Park Primary School for details.

## Support for families experiencing difficulty

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://ssr.net.au/>

## Implementation

Wattle Park Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website. 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.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, the Principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

## 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.

## Further Information

### Student Dress Code

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/management/pages/dresscode.aspx>

### Dress Code Exemptions

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## Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle.

**This policy was ratified by School Council 18.6.2019**