



Wirrabirra Primary School Dress Code Policy

Wirrabirra Primary School and School Board strongly promote the wearing of a school uniform by all its students from Kindergarten – Year 6.

Background

The school's Dress Code plays an important part in promoting a positive image of the school and creating a sense of identity. The staff, parents and School Board agree that a school Dress Code helps to:

- Foster and enhance the public image of the school;
- Assist in building school and team spirit;
- Ensures students are safely dressed for specific school activities;
- Promotes a sense of identity and pride in the school;
- Encourages equity among students; and
- Prepares students for work, as many workplaces have dress and safety codes.

It is Government Policy that students in government schools are required to wear a school uniform.

Consultation/Change to Dress Code

The School Board is to widely canvass students, parents and staff before establishing or changing the Dress Code. For example, the following methods may be used: surveys, information in the newsletter, meetings with the P & C and student voice.

Dress Code

Unisex Uniform Kindergarten – Year Six

- Yellow short sleeve polo shirt with school logo.
- Yellow long sleeve polo shirt with school logo
- Plain yellow polo shirt
- Short sleeve faction polo with school logo
(Yellow, Green, Red, Blue)
- Navy blue shorts/skorts
- Navy blue track pants
- School tartan zip front dress with school logo
- Navy blue zip front jacket with school logo
- Plain navy-blue jumper

School Bucket Hat

- Reversible Sun Smart bucket hat with school logo (Yellow, Green, Red, Blue)



Hat

The school has a 'No Hat No Play' policy for the whole year. Students must wear the school Sun Smart bucket hat. Students who do not have bucket hats will be asked to play in the undercover area.

Shoes

Students are required to wear either closed-in shoes (joggers) or ankle strapped sandals. Thongs are not acceptable.

For safety reasons, students must have appropriate footwear for sports and science sessions.

Sporting activities

Students who represent the school in interschool sporting teams eg football, soccer or netball etc, are expected to wear the uniform provided by the school or outlined by the teacher in charge of the group.

Faction Shirts

Students wear faction shirts for faction carnivals, cross country and on sports days. Students may also wear faction shirt during the weekly sport day/s.

Graduation Shirt

When students enter Year 6, they will have the opportunity to purchase a graduation shirt in school colours but a different design to the K-Yr 6 school polo. Students may wear these items in place of the school polo shirt. Students will wear the graduation shirt for the Yr6 Graduation photo and Graduation Ceremony.

The school/P&C will manage the ordering process. Students may have the opportunity to choose from a selection of logo designs that may appear on the polo but not the style of the polo.

School Choir

When the school choir performs in public students must be dressed in either:

- Choir uniform – Music polo (provided by the school) and plain blue shorts/pants
- School uniform as outlined in this policy; or
- As directed by the teacher in charge.

Excursions

When students attend an excursion, they are to wear the school uniform outlined above to assist with identification and safety.



Make-Up

Students should not wear make-up to school. Make-up refers to eyeliner, lipstick, blush, mascara, foundation, nail polish, acrylic nails and fake eyelashes or tattoos. Students who wear make-up to school will be asked to remove it.

Jewelry/Body Piercing

Students may have pierced ears but nose studs, eyebrow rings, lip rings and any body piercings are strongly discouraged. A simple necklace or culturally appropriate jewelry is acceptable. All other jewelry should be kept to a minimum.

Hair

Students (male and female) with long hair (shoulder length or longer) must have their hair tied back or up as this is a safety issue in science, assists in preventing the transfer of nits and ensures students can see their work.

Students may colour their hair on sports days or fund raisers as directed by the school; however brightly coloured hair is strongly discouraged at school at any other time.

Publishing Dress Code

The Dress Code is to be published in the school newsletter at the beginning of each school year and is also to be included in the Parent Information Handbook and on the school web site.

Cultural Diversity

Parents who feel their child cannot wear the school uniform for cultural reasons are to:

- Inform the Principal at the time of enrolment; and
- Write to the School Board stating the reasons they are seeking an exemption and for what period of time the exemption is required.

Non-Compliance with Dress Code

The school and School Board will focus on the positive promotion of the Dress Code, not the consequences for non-compliance.

- Students cannot be excluded from an excursion that is an essential part of the educational program; and
- Students cannot be excluded from the Graduation Ceremony.



Students at Wirrabirra Primary School who do not comply with the Dress Code will be governed by the following sanction:

Parents of and Students not wearing the Dress Code will receive

1. Counselling from a designated staff member on the benefits of the Dress Code.
2. Assistance and support in obtaining suitable clothing if necessary.

Students who do not follow the Dress Code will not be eligible for Advanced Standing as stated in the Student Wellbeing Policy. They may also be denied the opportunity to represent the school at:

- Official sporting events;
- Choir outings; and
- Official events as deemed by the school – eg ANZAC services.

Unacceptable Clothing

The following items of clothing are not acceptable at Wirrabirra Primary School. These items are not welcome because they are unsafe or do not fit accepted standards of school wear.

- Blue or Black Denim Jeans – DoE Policy prohibits students wearing denim to school.
- T Shirts with rude or suggestive captions.
- Black T Shirts
- Singlets or tank tops
- Clothing which is not modest or revealing.
- Thongs
- Caps

General

- Students are expected to wear the Wirrabirra uniform every day in line with PBS expectations.
- Students are expected to wear the Wirrabirra uniform while on excursions or whenever representing the school. Failure to wear our uniform will result in the student not participating in extra curricula events.
- Long hair (male and female) should be tied back for reasons of safety and hygiene.