

Dress Code Policy (previously Uniform)



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the school on 9802 0663 for support

Purpose

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Weeden Heights 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 Weeden Heights 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 Weeden Heights Primary School 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.

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.

Uniform and Appearance

The full list of Weeden Heights Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General Appearance

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

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- No make up is to be worn
- Clear nail polish can be worn.

Health and safety

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

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) to 30 April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside. Students not wearing an approved school hat are to remain undercover during playtimes and supervised in shaded areas during sport. In effect, NO HAT – NO PLAY.

Shoes are to be appropriate for daily activity at school, including sports. No opened-toed sandals are permitted for safety reasons. Sports shoes may be required on sports days or for special activities.

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.

The approved school uniform is described in Appendix A and in the school's information booklet provided on enrolment, and also available on the school website.

Purchase of Uniforms

Uniform items can be purchased directly from the school supplier. The office also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents. The office will communicate opening hours via the newsletter, Nokuna.

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

Please contact the office to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

Implementation

Weeden Heights Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and through enrolment information and handbook. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, 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.

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

Items of 'lost property', including school uniform, will be stored in a central location for individuals to collect. Unnamed, unclaimed items will be donated to a charity.

Exemptions to Student Dress Code

We acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

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 financial 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

Weeden Heights 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 *Complaint Policy*, available on the school's website.

Further Information and Resources

- Weeden Heights Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Weeden Heights Primary School Complaint Policy
- Weeden Heights 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](#).

Policy Review and Approval

Policy last reviewed	19 October 2026
Consultation	Principal Staff Education Sub Committee and School Council Newsletter item to the school community Website

Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	20 October 2030 <i>Mandatory review cycle for this policy is 3-4 years.</i>

Appendix A

Uniform	Boys	Girls
Shoes	Enclosed Black shoes or White runners.	
Rugby Jumper	Maroon poly/cotton with school logo & striped trim <i>or grade 6 approved jumper.</i>	
Bomber Jacket	Maroon poly/cotton with school logo & striped trim <i>or grade 6 approved jacket.</i>	
Rain Jacket	Maroon fleece lined waterproof jacket with school logo.	
Sleeveless Vest	Navy blue sleeveless fleece vest with embroidered school logo.	
Summer	Sky blue polo shirt with school logo & striped trim <i>or grade 6 approved polo.</i> Navy blue shorts or pants (worn with white, grey or navy blue socks).	Check poly/cotton dress in school colours (worn with white socks). or Sky blue polo shirt with school logo & striped trim <i>or grade 6 approved polo.</i> Navy blue shorts, pants or skirt. (worn with white socks).
Winter	Sky blue polo shirt with school logo & striped trim <i>or grade 6 approved polo.</i> Navy blue pants. (worn with white, grey or navy blue socks).	Sky blue polo shirt with school logo & striped trim <i>or grade 6 approved polo.</i> Navy blue pants. (worn with white or navy blue socks). or Navy blue/red striped tunic with sky blue polo shirt with school logo & striped trim (worn with navy blue tights or navy blue leggings and navy blue socks). The tunic may be converted and worn as a skirt.
Hats	Maroon wide brimmed style with school logo. Maroon and sky blue knitted beanie with school logo (winter).	
House T-shirt	Navy blue sports t-shirt featuring a yellow, blue, green or red stripe with school logo (as per allocated house).	
School Bag	Dark Blue with school logo.	

Note:

Sports briefs/bike shorts (black or maroon) may be worn under dresses, however the leg length should not extend below the length of the dress.

For interschool sporting events, a specialised uniform may be provided by the school. This uniform must be cared for and returned to the sports coordinator as instructed.