

# **Wulerrp Secondary College Uniform Policy**

### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school office.

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Wulerrp Secondary College'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 Wulerrp Secondary College'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 Wulerrp Secondary College'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.

### **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

Wulerrp Secondary College's compulsory school uniform items with school logo are as follows:

School Dress

School Skirt

School Cotton Shirt (short or long sleeves)

School Jumper

School Jacket

Traditional Leather School Shoes

Non logo items: students can wear black gabadine shorts or black trousers that do not have the school logo. These are available from PSW however they may also be purchased from other outlets.

# **PE Uniform**

School polo top (short or long sleeves)
School Rugby Top
Supportive sports shoes/runners

#### Non logo items:

Students can wear black shorts or black track suit. These items are available from PSW and can also be purchased elsewhere.

### Other items

Black socks or white socks without any logo Bucket hat with school logo Beanie with school logo Scarf with school logo

#### **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







- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden
- Studs, sleepers and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- Any make up or nail polish must be natural/neutral tones only

# **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.

Students who wear braids or locs may wear them loose, except for applied technology classes where hair should be tied back for safety purposes.

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.

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.

# **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

Uniform items can be purchased from PSW- Uniform Group Shop or parents may order it directly from https://www.psw.com.au/

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the <u>Help with school costs and fees</u> page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the <u>Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund</u>, you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

Please contact the Principal or Assistant Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide.







# **IMPLEMENTATION**

Wulerrp Secondary College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and at Parent Information Sessions. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is out of uniform they need to bring a note from home explaining why they are not in uniform. Prior to period 1, the student takes the note to the Year Level Co-ordinator's office to receive a pink slip which they need to keep in their pocket. During the day, teachers will ask if students have an out of uniform pass (the pink slip) which students can show to them to show they have brought a note and that out of uniform for the day has been recorded.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, the parent will be contacted. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal or delegate will be informed and a meeting 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 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

Wulerrp Secondary College 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*, available on the school's website.

### **COMMUNICATION**

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

# **FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**

- Wulerrp Secondary College Sunsmart Policy
- Wulerrp Secondary College Parent Complaint Policy
- Wulerrp Secondary College Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training <u>Student Dress Code</u>
- Department of Education and Training <u>Student Engagement policies and guidelines</u>.

#### POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	September 2025
Consultation	School Council September 2025
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	Prior to School Review in 2026







# **APPENDIX A: WULERRP SECONDARY COLLEGE UNIFORM ITEMS**

# **Academic**







# **Sports**





Trackpants - Straight Leg



Mesh Sport Shorts Unbadged



Stretch Microfibre Shorts

# Accessories















# School shoes

Black leather shoes must be worn with the Academic Uniform. The shoe must be fully enclosed.

