



Wongan Hills District High School

Student Dress Code

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Rationale:

The Wongan Hills District High School community, through the School Council, believes the wearing of a School Uniform and adhering to a Student Dress Code sets the tone of the school by developing a sense of belonging and pride as well as providing equity. As per Department of Education policy, secondary uniform is compulsory. It is expected that primary (K-Yr 6) students will adhere to the Student Dress Code.

A student dress code:

- Assists in building school and team spirit.
- Increases the safety of students both in the school and on excursions.
- Enhances the public image of the school.
- Is cost effective with a choice of affordable clothing.
- Prepares students for future employment expectations.

Wongan Hills District High Student Dress Code:

The Student Dress Code is expected to be worn every day except specified free dress days. It is expected that students who are representing the school on camp or for formal occasions will adhere to the Student Dress Code as appropriate for the occasion. Expectations outlined in 'Unacceptable Items' will always be adhered to. The school colours are navy blue and white.

School Uniform

- School polo shirt (navy blue and white) with school logo
- Navy blue shorts (minimum mid-thigh length)
- Navy blue pants (microfibre, tracksuit or cargo)
- Navy blue fleece zip jacket with school logo
- Navy blue microfibre jacket with school logo
- Navy blue skorts or skirts (minimum mid-thigh length)
- Navy hat *as per Sun Protection Policy* with school logo
- Navy blue footless tights (underneath shorts, skirts or dresses)
- Blue and white checked dress with white trim
- House polo shirt in faction colour with school logo (to wear Wednesdays and at carnivals)

Unacceptable Items:

- Denim of any colour (as per the Education Act), denim look items and jeggings.
- Singlets, strapless, strappy or revealing clothing attire will not be accepted at any school event
- Clothing items, including hats, with inappropriate words, abbreviations, pictures or phrases.
- Thongs, steel cap boots, all heels, gumboots, crocs and ugg-boots.
- Conspicuous headwear such as tiaras and hair ties/clips/headbands with large accessories.

Footwear:

- Closed in shoes are preferred. If sandals are worn they must be secured to the foot at both ankle and toe
- Closed in shoes must be worn for D&T, Home Economics, Science and Cadets.
- Sport shoes must be worn for Physical Education lessons and sports carnivals.

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Hats – ‘Wear a hat or on the veranda’: (as per Sun Protection Policy)

- Navy blue bucket or wide brim hat with the school logo.
- Hats must be removed when inside.

Cold weather attire:

- Plain navy blue or white long sleeve undershirts are permitted under the school shirt.
- Navy blue or white scarves are accepted.

Special Clothing Items

- House polo shirts – are to be worn at school House carnivals and can be worn on Wednesdays.
- Year 6 Transition and Yr 12 Leavers clothing must first be approved by the School Board and be in school colours.

Jewellery

- Modest and inconspicuous jewellery is accepted.
- Body piercings – studs or hoops which are sufficiently small are accepted.
- Jewellery that is deemed unsafe (does not meet the Occupational Safety and Health standards) will be required to be removed.

Hair

- Should be neat and presentable.
- Collar length and longer hair must be tied back for hygiene.

Make-up

- Not permitted by primary students.
- Secondary students may wear minimal, modest and inconspicuous make-up.

Specialised classes:

- In areas such as, work placement or work experience, specialised sport, Cadets etc there may be specific clothing items required to meet Health and Safety standards. These will be negotiated by the Principal with students and parents as necessary.

Purchasing School Uniform Items:

The P&C manage the supply of uniform items. Information about placing orders is available from the school's front office. Second hand uniform items may be available from P&C, Kanyanya and the Wongan Hills Community Shop.

Exemptions:

The Principal may exempt students from the Student Dress Code upon written request from and an interview with parents or caregivers. Grounds on which exemption may be sought include (but may not be limited to) religious, Cultural, itinerant students, genuine medical reason with supporting evidence from a medical practitioner and hardship.

Dress Pass:

Administration may require students to change into school provided uniform and issue dress passes to students at their discretion.

Policy Review:

- The Student Dress Code Policy will have input from the school community through the School Board.
- The policy will have input from the students through the Student Council.
- The policy will be reviewed at regular intervals.
- The school will promote the policy through the school's communication processes.
- The administration will allocate time to review and maintain the policy.