



School Uniform Policy

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RATIONALE

Wyrallah Road Public School places great emphasis on the wearing of school uniform. We are proud of our image in the community and we place great emphasis on the promotion and encouragement of wearing our school uniform. By wearing the school's uniform, students develop a sense of pride and belonging to the Wyrallah Road Public School community. It promotes a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and improves the health and safety of students.

BENEFITS OF SCHOOL UNIFORMS

The wearing of school uniforms by students at Wyrallah Road Public School will assist the school community in:

- defining an identity for the school within the community
- developing students' sense of belonging to the school community
- providing an opportunity to build school spirit
- enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
- reinforcing the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment
- increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school
- promoting positive community perceptions of public education
- making school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes.

WHEN IS SCHOOL UNIFORM TO BE WORN?

All students are required to wear the complete school uniform (unless otherwise instructed):

- at school
- whilst travelling to and from school
- when representing the school at school events and excursions
- when representing the school at sports carnivals and competitions.

HOW WAS THE SCHOOL UNIFORM DEVELOPED?

The school uniform was developed following consultation with the school community. The school uniform and school uniform policy is strongly supported and endorsed by the Parent and Citizens Association, Staff, Student Parliament and Student Representative Council.

PROMOTING SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents, students and teachers all have a role to play in encouraging a neat and tidy uniform and appearance. The school will encourage the wearing of the uniform through positive reinforcement. The strategies may include acknowledgement of students, making reference to the uniform when promoting the school, students receive 'win bins' for consistently being in school uniform and involving the SRC in discussing and promoting the school uniform. Despite these strategies some students may not wear the school uniform. To encourage these students the school may speak to the student and or discuss the matter with their parents.

STUDENTS OUT OF UNIFORM

Sometimes students cannot wear the school uniform. Parents should provide a verbal or written explanation and contact the teacher if the situation is ongoing. The principal should be contacted if the nature of the situation involves hardship, health conditions or cultural/religious reasons.

On days where the school uniform cannot be worn, students should try to wear plain items in the school colours.

Support is available for families needing assistance to obtain a school uniform. The school also has an inexpensive clothing pool with good quality second hand items.

ACTIONS FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE OUT OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

Students who are out of school uniform without a sufficient explanation, the following may occur:

- a warning may be issued
- a student may be asked to remove the item and place it in their bag
- the teacher may confiscate the item
- parents may be called

If students are continually in breach of the Uniform Policy, the following may occur:

- students may be sent to planning room
- an interview with parents is held to resolve the issue

PROCEDURES FOR MONITORING THE UNIFORM POLICY

All staff share a responsibility to ensure that uniform is worn correctly.

Reasons why students may be unable to wear school uniform may include:

- an item may be soiled, torn or damaged
- a student is injured, disabled or has a medical condition
- religious or cultural reasons
- a parent or guardian may be unable to wash due to wet weather
- a parent or guardian may be unable to wash due to family problems/emergencies
- the student may be living away from home for a period of time
- a student is new to the school and has been unable to access the uniform
- financial reasons (Students are encouraged to apply for financial assistance through the school. These cases will be dealt with individually and sensitively.)

WYRALLAH ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

	GIRLS	BOYS
SUMMER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grey & maroon check dress ▪ Grey & maroon check blouse ▪ Maroon skorts ▪ Maroon brimmed hat ▪ Covered black shoes with white socks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maroon/Gold polo shirt ▪ Grey shorts ▪ Maroon brimmed hat ▪ Covered black shoes with grey socks
WINTER	<p>In addition to the above;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maroon tracksuit pants or yoga pants ▪ Maroon or grey stockings are acceptable ▪ Maroon jumper or zip jacket 	<p>In addition to the above;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maroon tracksuit pants or grey trousers ▪ Maroon jumper or zip jacket
SPORT (Years 2-6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gold & maroon polo shirt ▪ Maroon skorts or shorts ▪ Sports shoes with white socks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gold and maroon polo shirt ▪ Maroon shorts ▪ Sports shoes with white socks

SPORTS UNIFORM

The sports uniform (Years 2-6) is to be worn on designated stage sport days and for any other days specified by the school.

HAIR

Hair should be neat and tidy and natural in colour. Hair restraints should be discreet and in school colours. Hair should be off the face and if long enough, pulled back to reduce any chance of hair lice transmission. Headbands with large flowers and other decorations should not be worn unless in school colours.

HEAD WEAR

Maroon wide brimmed hats are school uniform. Caps and beanies are not part of the uniform and should not be worn.

JEWELLERY

The wearing of jewellery is not encouraged. Medical alert bracelets, small studs or sleepers and a wrist watch are permitted. No necklaces, bangles or other dangly jewellery should be worn as this can pose a safety risk.

MAKEUP

Makeup is not appropriate for school and is not to be worn.

NAIL POLISH

No nail polish is to be worn as it can be highly distracting to student learning.

TEMPORARY TATTOOS

Temporary Tattoos are not permitted at school; this includes drawings in pen and marker pen.

YEAR 6 SHIRTS

Year 6 shirts are available for Year 6 students. They are worn on one day per week as specified by the teachers.

SPORTING TEAMS

Students representing the school in sport should wear the appropriate uniform which in general is the sport uniform. Please check the uniform required for the team with the sport co-ordinator.

EXCURSIONS

Students attending excursions are required to wear full school uniform, including black shoes and white socks.

This policy has been based on the NSW Department of Education and Training uniform policy which can be found on the DET website. This policy will be reviewed on a regular basis (as per DET requirements) or if circumstances change significantly.