



# DRESS CODE (STUDENTS) POLICY



**Help for non-English speakers.** If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school office on 9758 4322

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Dress Code (students) policy is to outline Wattle View 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 Wattle View 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 Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Wattle View Primary School'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.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

## SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Dress Code (students) policy while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

## UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Wattle View 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, Wattle View Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair

### **Jewellery and cosmetics**

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

### **Hair and Sun safety**

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

School uniform hats must be worn outside in Term 1 & Term 4 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 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. Sunglasses are optional and are not a part of our school uniform.

### **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

Uniform items can be purchased from the office at school.

Wattle View Primary School also operates a second-hand uniform store for parents once a term.

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Principal or Assistant Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

Wattle View Primary School will ensure that this Dress Code (students) policy is communicated to all families and students through our website. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Dress Code (students) policy on a recurring basis, the parents/guardian will be contacted 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 Wattle View Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Dress Code (students) policy will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

### **EXEMPTIONS TO DRESS CODE (STUDENTS) POLICY**

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parents or carers may apply in writing 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

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 DRESS CODE (STUDENTS) POLICY**

Wattle View Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Dress Code (students) policy. If you have a concern or complaints please contact the Principal.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**

- Wattle View Primary School's Sunsmart Policy
- Wattle View Primary School's Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

### **Policy status and review**

School Council is responsible for reviewing and updating the Dress Code (Students) Policy at least every three years.

## Approval

<b>Created date</b>	<b>May 2023</b>
<b>Consultation</b>	School Council
<b>Endorsed by</b>	School Council
<b>Endorsed on</b>	May 2023
<b>Next review date</b>	May 2026

## APPENDIX A: WATTLE VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

ITEM	SIZES AVAILABLE	Size	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
<b>Art Smock</b>	S,M,L		<b>\$20.00</b>		
<b>Bags</b> - Backpack			<b>\$45.00</b>		
- Folio/satchel			<b>\$10.00</b>		
<b>DRINK BOTTLE</b>			<b>\$10.00</b>		
<b>HATS</b> – Hybrid	S,M,L		<b>\$15.00</b>		
– Bucket	S,M,L		<b>\$15.00</b>		
<b>JACKET</b> – Bomber (Unisex)	4,6,8,10,12,14,S		<b>\$45.00</b>		
<b>PANTS</b> – Bootleg (Limited Stock)	4,6,8,10,12,14,S		<b>\$30.00</b>		
– Double Knee Tracksuit	4,6,8,10,12,14,S		<b>\$30.00</b>		
- Girls Leisure Pants	4,6,8,10,12,14,S		<b>\$30.00</b>		
<b>POLO Shirts</b> – Short Sleeve	4,6,8,10,12,14,S		<b>\$22.00</b>		
– Long Sleeve	4,6,8,10,12,14,S		<b>\$25.00</b>		
<b>RAIN JACKET</b>	4,6,8,10,12,14,S,M		<b>\$25.00</b>		
<b>SHORTS</b>	4,6,8,10,12,14,S		<b>\$25.00</b>		
<b>SKORTS</b>	4,6,8,10,12,14,S		<b>\$25.00</b>		
<b>SPORT TOP – Sublimated Top</b>	6,8,10,12,14,S,M		<b>\$39.00</b>		
<b>SUMMER DRESS</b>	4,6,8,10,12,14		<b>\$45.00</b>		
<b>TUNIC</b>			<b>\$45.00</b>		
<b>WINDCHEATER</b>	4,6,8,10,12,14,S		<b>\$30.00</b>		
<b>TOTAL \$</b>					

(pricelist last updated Aug2022)