



# WATERFORD STATE SCHOOL

## Student Dress Code

### 2018

#### **What is the Dress Code?**

We actively encourage our students to take pride in themselves and their school. One way in which this may be achieved is through adherence to the school's Student Dress Code.

Our Student Dress Code consists of an agreed standard of dress for students who attend our school. The uniform for students is developed by the Parents & Citizens Association in consultation with parents, staff and students. The Student Dress Code also covers other aspects of personal presentation of students.

#### **Statement of Intent**

The Student Dress Code applies to students when:

- attending or representing our school including school excursions;
- travelling to and from school;
- engaging in school activities out of school hours.

#### **Aim of the Code**

Our uniform aims to contribute to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:

- ready identification of students and non-students at school;
- fostering a sense of belonging;
- developing a mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences;
- being "Sun Smart".

#### **Special Circumstances**

Our Student Dress Code incorporates strategies to accommodate special needs and circumstances of students. These arrangements are negotiated between parents and the Principal. Examples of special circumstances may include:

- student medical conditions (allergies etc.);
- student disability, physical attributes or requirements;
- religious, ethnic or cultural background;
- economic hardship;
- constraints of time and economic hardship at the time of enrolment.

Parents seeking an exemption to aspects of the Student Dress Code must consult with the Principal for her consideration.

#### **Responsibilities**

**Students** are required to:

- wear the agreed school uniform on a daily basis;
- be of neat appearance at all times;
- wear enclosed shoes as outlined in the Dress Code;
- wear a school approved black hat while engaging in outdoor activities;
- wear the school uniform when representing our school in community activities.

**Parents/Carers** are responsible for:

- purchasing, maintaining and naming school uniform items for their children;
- ensuring their children wear the correct uniform to school each day;
- ensuring that their children meet the aspects of personal presentation outlined in this document;
- providing an explanation to class teachers for their children being out of uniform.

**Teachers** are responsible for:

- expecting all students wear their correct uniform each day;
- following up identified breaches of the Student Dress Code;
- communicating uniform breaches to parents/carers;
- notifying Administration regarding repeated or significant breaches of the Student Dress Code.

**The Principal** is responsible for:

- managing strategies to support the Student Dress Code;
- providing the Student Dress Code to families at the time of enrolment;
- ensuring that the Student Dress Code and its application comply with Education Queensland policy and the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006*;
- communicating with the P&C Association and the school community.

**The P&C Association** is responsible for:

- consulting with the school community regarding uniform information and uniform changes;
- managing the school uniform shop.

### Uniform Shop

The uniform shop is operated by the Parents & Citizens Association of Waterford State School and runs out of the school Tuckshop. Operating times are available from the school office.

All compulsory items of uniform are available for purchase from the uniform shop.

### Emergency Clothing Pool

The school office maintains an emergency supply of student uniforms. These are not for sale to families but are used to assist students when necessary. Donations of uniform garments are greatly appreciated.

### Our School Uniform

All items should be clearly marked with the owner's name to assist with return if lost.

<b>Uniform Items and Standard</b>	
Shirt	Orange and black unisex polo shirt with school logo. * Any other shirts worn underneath the school uniform should not be visible.
Senior Shirt	Students in Year 6 are permitted to wear the optional Senior Shirt.
Sports Shirt	Plain coloured T-shirts in house colours can be worn on designated sports days. Logan (dark blue), Lintrose (red), Eucalypta (orange) and Garfield (green).
Dress/ Tunic	Black and orange checked dress with a black collar.
Bottom	Black shorts or black skorts. Length of shorts/skort should be approximately mid-way between knee and thigh.
Footwear	Enclosed black school shoes or black joggers/sports shoes with laces or Velcro suitable for daily physical activity. *Due to workplace, health and safety canvas shoes are not acceptable footwear.
Socks	White socks.
Hat	Black full brim hat to meet sun safe guidelines.
Winter Uniform	Plain black trousers or plain black track pants (no jeans). Plain black pullover or zipper jacket style with school logo. Plain black pullover or zipper style jacket. * No print fabric at any time.
<b>Jewellery</b>	
Watch	One wrist watch only.
Rings	One signet ring only.
Earrings	One set of plain sleepers or plain studs in the earlobe.
Facial and Body Piercing	Observable body piercing is totally banned. Students are not allowed to wear nose studs, tongue studs, eyebrow studs or earrings. Students are not allowed to cover pierced objects with band aids nor are plugs or retainers acceptable. Religious piercings require approval by the Principal.
Necklaces, bracelets and anklets	Medical alert necklaces or bracelets are permitted as well as a Waterford State School attendance wristband. No other necklaces, bracelets or anklets unless parent applies to the Principal in writing for an exemption based on religious, ethnic, cultural, disability or health reasons. For safety reasons, all necklaces worn with Principal's permission must be worn out of sight.

<b>Appearance</b>	
Hair	Hairstyles are to be conservative. Excessiveness in style (e.g. spikes, Mohawks, rats tails, tracks etc), gel or cut is not acceptable. Hair should be of a natural colour and extreme hair colour (e.g. green, purple etc.) is not acceptable. Hair that is shoulder length or longer should be tied back with appropriate accessories preferably in school colours (orange, black and/or white) regardless of gender. Long hair must be tied or pinned away from eyes.
Cosmetics	Sunscreen can be worn. No false nails are allowed but clear nail polish is acceptable. No make-up.
Tattoos	No visible markings/drawings on skin including stick-on tattoos.
<b>Special Activities</b>	
Special events including: Camps Excursions Free Dress Days	Students are permitted to wear acceptable and reasonable clothing instead of their school uniform when participating in activities such as camps, some excursions and free dress days. Clothing and accessories should be modest and tidy and of a standard that is deemed safe, appropriate and not likely to cause offence. No inappropriate wording is to be displayed and covered footwear is required. As per sun safe requirements, shirts are to cover the shoulders and midriff. All students must wear sun safe shirts during any outdoor water activities.

Additional uniform components may be added as the need arises.

### **Sanctions**

In accordance with the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006*, sanctions can be imposed for non-compliance with the school's Student Dress Code and may include:

- preventing student from attending, or participating in, any activity for which they are representing the school;
- preventing student from attending or participating in any school activity that is not an essential school educational program.

Follow up actions for breaches of the Student Dress Code may also include:

- a reminder of expected dress standard given to the student;
- student requested to remove inappropriate item (e.g. jewellery);
- student requested to remove inappropriate clothing item and loan item provided where available and returned at the end of the school day;
- student directed to play in an area where a hat is not required if there is a hat infringement;
- student requested to remove coloured nail polish or nail art by the following school day;
- verbal and/or written communication (e.g. breach notice) provided to parents/carers;
- referral to Administration for serious or continual breaches of the school Student Dress Code.

In one-off cases where the parent/carer has communicated with the school to explain the uniform infringement, no follow up action will apply.

### **Community Endorsement of the Code**

The Parents & Citizens Association of Waterford State School resolves that it supports this Student Dress Code for our school because it believes that the code promotes the objectives of *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* through providing a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment by:

- ready identification of students and non-students at school;
- eliminating distraction of competing in dress and fashion at school;
- fostering mutual respect among students through minimizing visible evidence of economic or social difference;
- fostering a strong sense of belonging and school spirit.