



WOODRIDGE STATE SCHOOL

STUDENT DRESS CODE

SECTION A: RATIONALE

School uniform is an important part of the school culture. A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school.

SECTION B: SCHOOL COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The P & C of Woodridge State School resolves that it supports a student dress code for Woodridge State School because it believes that a student dress code at Woodridge State School promotes objectives of Education (General Provisions) Bill 2006.

In particular, the P & C of supports the intention of a student dress code in providing a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment by:

- ready identification of students and non-students at school;
- eliminating distraction of competition in dress and fashion at school;
- fostering a sense of belonging; and
- developing mutual respect among students through minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences.

SECTION C: GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

All students are required to wear the full school uniform. The Student Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are engaged in excursions or out of school activity (except school camps).

Parents/Carers will be required to explain to the school administration why the student is not meeting the requirements of the dress code.

SECTION D: EXEMPTIONS

Parent/Carers seeking an exemption for their child/children from the dress code must make a **written request** to the principal each year. If students are unable to wear a school uniform on a particular day, they must have a written note from their parent/carer.

- Religious.
- Cultural or Ethnic.
- New students (time to purchase, wear previous uniform)
- Itinerant students.
- Genuine medical or family sickness reasons.
- Disability

N.B. Year 6 students may wear a commemorative shirt if available.

SECTION E: SPECIAL DAYS

The Principal also has the discretion to make exemptions for particular special events or fundraisers such as "Free Dress" Days, Theme Days. Clothing and footwear is to be sensible, non-offensive and conservative. Any item of clothing deemed offensive or inappropriate by school staff is not allowable and parents will be notified.

SECTION F: SALES

All Uniforms may be purchased from the school office on **Tuesday** and **Friday** morning only between 8.15am and 9.00am. However, school hats only may be purchased from the office during office hours.

SECTION G: NON-ADHERENCE

Students not complying with the dress code will be issued with a note informing their parents of the breach of the code and seek parents' support in rectifying the matter.

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SECTION H: ACCEPTABLE DRESS

Girls' Uniform

Shirt	Royal blue polo shirt (<i>needs to have a collar</i>)
Shorts	Navy blue unisex shorts
Skirt	Navy blue netball skirt / skort
Shoes	Closed in shoes – Velcro not lace-up for Prep
Socks	Navy or white socks
Hat	Bucket hat or surf hat

The school enforces a “**No Hat No Play**” policy.

Boys' Uniform

Shirt	Royal blue polo (<i>needs to have a collar</i>)
Shorts	Navy blue unisex shorts
Shoes	Closed in shoes
Socks	Navy or White socks
Hat	Bucket hat, or surf hat

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Winter Uniform (Boys and Girls)

As above but add:

Royal blue sweat shirt

Navy blue track pants

Footwear

Suitable footwear is essential. The shoes need to be closed in. Heeled Boots, thongs, scuffs or rubber sandals are **not to be worn**, as they can be dangerous.

SECTION I: NON-ACCEPTABLE CLOTHING ITEMS

- tank tops, shoe string straps
- non school logos or pictures on any items stated with the exception of footwear
- fashion jewellery
- fashion make-up including nail polish
- thongs, sandals, high heels
- exposed undergarments
- revealing clothing and bare midriffs
- hoodies, beanies or visors
- jeans, cargo pants

SECTION J: JEWELLERY

Students become very distressed when they lose or break jewellery. Jewellery can also be an item that is a fashion statement or can cause inequity amongst the students. It is therefore preferred that no jewellery or valuables be worn or brought to school. If jewellery is worn to school the following dress codes should be complied with:

- In the interest of safety, body piercing is not permissible except for the ears.
- A single stud or small sleeper in each ear is permissible.
- Only inexpensive wrist watches should be worn.
- Chains, necklaces and bracelets (hand and ankle) not be worn as they are easily broken.
- Medic-alert jewellery is acceptable.

SECTION K: HAIRSTYLES

Hairstyles need to be conservative and hair colour needs to be natural. Hair should be neatly groomed and kept out of the eyes. Shoulder length or longer hair must be tied back from the face.

Streaks, tracks or out of the ordinary hairstyles are not acceptable.