



**This new policy will be mandated as of 2025**

### **Uniform Code Statement**

The school Uniform is regarded by the school community as being important in its role in encouraging a sense of self-esteem, belonging and self-discipline in students through to their adolescence. The school Uniform of Woodridge State School is designed:

- To give students a sense of purpose that lends itself to the process of learning in our educational environment
- To ensure that outsiders who wish to intrude into our school grounds are readily identifiable.
- To cater for elements of safety, comfort, climate, modesty, cost, efficiency, social equity and activity.

### **Relevant legislation and policy**

This policy has been developed in accordance with the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Sections 360-363) and the Department of Education, Training and Employment's policy *SMS-PR-022: Student Dress Code* in relation to implementing student dress codes in Queensland State schools. It clearly explains and documents the standards of acceptable dress at Woodridge State School

### **Expectations**

All students are expected to observe the details of correct attire and must be wearing the complete dress uniform or sports uniform in accordance with school routine. Students should present in a neat and tidy manner at all times, including on their way to and home from the school. This high standard will ensure that our students continue to represent themselves and the school in an outstanding way.

The uniform routines include:

- **In Years Prep to 6, formal uniform is to be worn on Monday each week.**
- **As of 2025 Formal Uniform will be 3 days a week**

Students not in correct uniform must have a letter from a parent/caregiver explaining the reason. The note should be given to the class teacher (Prep to 6) at the commencement of the school day and staff will arrange for the student to be given a uniform slip. These will be accepted for specified and temporary reasons rather than long-term waivers of the uniform expectations.

**Uniforms can be purchased at Lowes, Kmart Plaza on Wembley Rd**

### **Shoes**

- Black, fully enclosed leather/vinyl lace-up, Velcro, buckle shoes or "Mary Janes" are to be worn with the formal uniform and also acceptable to be worn with the sports uniform.
- Predominantly white lace-up or Velcro sport shoes are required for the sports uniform or black shoes worn with formal uniform
- No skate shoes, slip-ons, boots, coloured laces, ballet type, "will not be accepted. These shoes do not provide sufficient protection when students are participating in learning experiences or in the playground.

### **Jewellery**

A watch and one earring (plain sleepers or studs) per ear for pierced ears are the only jewellery items permitted to be worn at school. No other jewellery is acceptable. Other piercings or facial studs, including tongue studs of any kind are not to be worn to the school. Clear alternatives are not acceptable or permitted. No other accessories are to be worn.

## **Hair and Makeup**

All students at the school are to be well groomed and the following must be adhered to:

Hairstyles must be neat, clean, tidy and well-maintained

- Students (Male and Female) with hair below the ear must be secured away from the face, pinned back and or tied up with a navy hair tie/hair band/clip.
- “Rats tails” must be plaited neatly.
- Only blue colour hair ribbons/bows/scrunchies/clips are permitted.
- It is unacceptable for hair to be coloured or dyed a non-natural colour.
- Extreme hairstyles such as “Mohawks”, tracks, are not permitted.
- Accessories are not permitted. These include but are not limited to bandanas, beanies or other brightly coloured headwear.
- Eyeliner, eye shadow, mascara and other makeup is not permitted.
- Nail polish is not permitted.
- Tattoos, if present, must be covered by the school uniform.

## **Consequences of noncompliance with Dress Code**

Students will be asked to remove items that are not part of the school uniform. Consequences for students not in correct uniform without an explanatory note might mean contact home to parents or prevention from partaking in certain school activities. Repeat offences will mean the item may be held in safe keeping until 3:00pm. Further offences will mean students may collect the item at the end of term. A parent note requesting return of the item/s will be required.

If a student does not comply with a dress code for school’s students, developed under section 360 of the Act, the school’s principal may only impose one of the following sanctions-

1. Detention of the student for a period mentioned in section 283(3);
2. Prevent the student from attending, or participating in any activity for which the student would have been representing the school;
3. Prevent the student from attending, or participating in, any school activity that, in the reasonable opinion of the school principal, is not part of the essential educational program of the school.
4. If a student continues to be out of uniform and fails to complete the detention, this will be considered as ‘wilful disobedience’ and as such students may be suspended from school.

## **Workplace Health and Safety**

Due to Workplace Health and Safety regulations students’ footwear must provide adequate protection and cover the entire foot. Footwear selection must also take into account the health benefits of growing children wearing supportive footwear to minimise future health risks.

## **Sun Safety**

In accordance with the *Sun Safety in Schools* guidelines:

- Students are required to wear a sun safe hat when outdoors during the school day. This includes during lunch breaks and curriculum time.
- Sun safe hats must be free from offensive language, symbols or logos.
- Students who are in the sun but not participating in practical activities during lunch breaks will be directed to utilise shaded areas where possible.

## **Exemption**

Parents of students who for religious, cultural or health reasons may need to modify the uniform code are required to make an appointment with the Principal for further discussion.

## Uniform Policy:

### Formal Uniform – Monday 3 days a week in 2025

WSS blue shirt with WSS grey formal cotton shorts/skort (elastic waist) or grey trousers  
WSS grey formal long trousers  
White ankle socks  
Black Leather lace up, velcro or buckle  
school shoes (leather/vinyl)  
WSS Sun Safety Hat or Bucket Hat



### Sports Uniform

WSS polo shirt  
WSS grey cotton elastic shorts  
Track suit pants  
White ankle socks



### Acceptable Shoes



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