

# UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE POLICY

## RATIONALE

Wallan Secondary College School Council has developed and will work with the staff of the College to implement dress codes for all students. The College Council in 2016 has worked with the staff, student body and College community to develop and review its dress code requirements. The dress code requirements contained in this policy meet human rights and anti-discrimination requirements, includes an exemption process, has taken into account health and safety considerations and requirements relating to uniform supply arrangements. The College also works with the State Schools' Relief to support students in need as well as supporting their fundraising activities.

Wallan Secondary College is a compulsory uniform College. Therefore, all students are required to conform to College uniform code. The requirements of the college dress code take precedence over a student's individual preference in matters of dress.

The Uniform Policy reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance by ensuring that their uniform is neat, clean and tidy, and is worn appropriately. It also instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the College community and assists in developing pride in representing their College whilst at school and when outside of the College grounds.

The College uniform ensures that all students are able to participate actively and safely in school life. As far as practicable, dress code requirements are similar for both sexes.

## AIMS

- Establish a sense of identification with the College, from the very first day and throughout the school year
- Foster collective and individual pride in the College and to maintain and enhance the positive image of the College in the community.
- Ensure individual student safety and group security, during College hours and on excursions
- Promote self-discipline and organisation
- Promote equality amongst all students
- Provides durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for the College environment.

## IMPLEMENTATION

- School Council has developed the Uniform Policy after consultation with the school community. The policy allows all students to safely engage in the many varied activities.
- The Uniform Policy applies during school hours, while travelling to and from the College and when on school excursion, activities and events.

Summer (Terms 1 & 4), Winter (Terms 2 & 3) uniforms and sports uniforms are prescribed. These uniforms must be worn in accordance with this policy.

## WALLAN SECONDARY COLLEGE 2018 UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

### Summer Uniform – Terms 1 and 4

- Summer striped school dress with white knee length or ankle socks **(NO LOGOS)**
- Grey College trousers or shorts (with College emblem) worn with white socks **(NO LOGOS)**
- Short sleeve button up white shirt with College emblem
- Maroon College blazer with emblem **(optional)**
- College sports jacket
- Maroon WSC branded sun smart cap or bucket hat
- Black leather lace up school shoes, flat soles, low heels - **NO T BARS or BALLETS FLATS**

### Winter Uniform – Terms 2 and 3

- Long or short sleeve white button up shirt, with College emblem, worn with College Tie
- Maroon woollen/cotton jumper with College emblem OR black jumper (Senior School, Years 10 -12 only)
- College woollen skirt, (with College emblem) worn with black opaque tights (not pantyhose) or black socks **(NO LOGOS)**
- College grey trouser or shorts (with College emblem) worn with black socks **(NO LOGOS)**
- College sports jacket
- Maroon College blazer with emblem **(optional)**
- Black leather lace up school shoes, flat soles, low heels - **NO T BARS or BALLETS FLATS**
- Maroon beanie or scarf **(optional)**

### Sports Uniform

- Maroon polo with College emblem
- Black College sports shorts **or** track pants with emblem worn with white ankle socks (NO LOGOS)
- College Rugby Top
- College sports jacket
- White ankle socks **(NO LOGOS)**
- Sports shoes with non-marking soles. Correct sports shoes must be worn, no canvas shoes will be allowed.
- Maroon WSC branded sun smart cap or bucket hat.

## **ENFORCEMENT OF THE DRESS CODE**

Students with legitimate reasons for being out of uniform (fully or in part) must report to their Year Level Leader or the Sub School Compliance Administrator with a signed and dated note from home for a Uniform pass, before classes begin.

Cases of hardship and circumstances beyond a student's control will be addressed by the Year Level Leader and the Wellbeing Manager.

**All students out of uniform without a note from home will automatically receive a lunchtime detention. Hoodies are not acceptable at any time. Repeat offenders or students who fail to attend their lunchtime detention will receive an internal suspension.**

Students who continually refuse to wear College uniform will be sent home with parental consent until they comply.

## **UNIFORM AND EXCURSIONS**

Students representing the College in the community are required to be in full uniform. This could be summer, winter or PE/Sport uniform, depending on the nature of the activity.

**\*\*Uniform passes will not be issued under any circumstances, to students attending excursions. Therefore, students out of uniform on excursion days will not be permitted to participate in the excursion.**

## **ADDITIONAL GARMENTS**

If additional garments need to be worn for warmth they are to be of the following colours:

- Under sports uniform – Plain maroon or black t-shirt, short sleeves only – *garment must not to be visible.*
- Under usual College uniform – Plain white t-shirt, short or long sleeves only – *garment must not to be visible.*

## **COMMUNICATION REGARDING THE DRESS CODE**

The uniform dress code will be published in the "Policies" section of the College website.

## CASUAL CLOTHES DAY POLICY

On special occasions students are permitted to wear a selection of their own casual clothes to school instead of their normal uniform. Generally, these occasions are held as fundraisers for selected charities, therefore a two dollar coin donation from each student is seen to be appropriate.

Whilst it is a casual clothes day, the College still expects students to observe principles concerning the dignity of each person and the respect for others. Students need to be mindful of the styles of clothing and appearance that are deemed to be inappropriate at Wallan Secondary College

- All tops and shirts must cover the shoulders and should not be low cut. All tops should be of sufficient length to cover the midriff
- Shoulderless, shoe-string strapped and singlet tops are not appropriate
- Shorts (both male and female), dresses and skirts must sit no lower than the hips and must be mid- thigh length or longer
- Shorts, Skirts or dresses which contain slits or folds that can expose the leg are also not permitted
- Jeggings and leggings are not to be worn without a mid-thigh length clothing item over the top
- Jeans with rips that expose the upper thigh area are not permitted
- Clothes must not convey inappropriate messages
- Night attire (Pajamas – PJs etc.) is not acceptable
- If students have a Physical Education, Science or Design and Technology class on a casual clothes day then they must wear or bring the appropriate footwear
- WSC Uniform policy still applies to facial piercings, jewellery, hair colour, makeup and nail polish.

Furthermore, students should be mindful that if they are dressed inappropriately, or that their appearance is deemed not suitable by the Student Management Team, they will be required to change into more appropriate clothing or are sent home with parental permission.

## JEWELLERY

For Duty of Care and OH&S purposes:

- ear studs or sleepers only are acceptable
- Sleepers must be a standard size – smaller than a 5c piece
- One clear nose study – 1mm in width is acceptable.
- **All other facial and body piercings are forbidden.**

Students who wear facial/body piercings (not as stated above) to school will automatically receive a lunchtime detention. Repeat offenders and those who do not attend their lunchtime detention will receive an internal suspension.

Students who continually refuse to remove piercings will be sent home with parental consent until they comply.

- Ear spacers, Bolas and any other piercings which are not standard ear sleepers or studs are not permitted.



Sleeper



Stud



- Students should wear a watch (which will need to be removed in design technology subjects due to Duty of Care requirements). Other jewellery, such as bracelets, necklaces, and chokers must not be worn.
- Medi-Alerts are permitted.
- Makeup is not permitted.
- Nails should be short in length for OH&S reasons.
- Non clear nail polish is not permitted.
- One “charity-support” item at a time may be worn e.g. plastic bracelet or pin.

**Students will not be allowed to attend classes wearing any jewellery other than that stated above.**

## HAIR

Students' haircuts must be neat and moderate and not be in extreme or exaggerated styles. Marked contrasts of colour, dreadlocks or use of hair products to create large spikes are not considered to be moderate. Students considering colour change must ensure that the colour remains one that occurs naturally. If in doubt, students should consult their Year Level Leader before colouring or styling their hair.

## TATTOOS

Under no circumstances are visible tattoos or other forms of body art permitted. (Cultural exemptions are available through the Principal)

## SUNGLASSES

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses when outdoors as stated in the College Sun Smart – UV Policy. Under no circumstances are sunglasses to be worn indoors.

**Uniform can be purchased through PWS: 2/283 Rex Road, Campbellfield,  
Phone number: 9768 0337**

**When wearing the uniform students must ensure that:**

- The shirt is tucked in when worn with a jumper, jacket or blazer
- The winter skirt and summer dress must be no shorter in length than 5cm above the knee.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

- Compulsory: Black backpack with College emblem.

**SHOES**

- Black leather lace up school shoes for both boys and girls, only.

**Slip on shoes, T Bars, skate shoes and soft leather ballet-type shoes or high heeled shoes are not permitted at any time.**

**\*\*\*STUDENTS NOT WEARING CORRECT FOOTWEAR WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ATTEND CLASSES\*\*\***

**These include Technology, Science and Physical Education/Sport classes.**

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Wallan Secondary College is committed to the protection and wellbeing of all students whilst participating in school activities both during and outside school hours. Staff have responsibility for building and maintaining a child safe environment. This responsibility extends to the identification and timely response to all concerns with regard the safety of any student of our College.