



White Hills Primary School

White Hills Primary School Student Dress Code



Help for non-English speakers

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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline White Hills 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 White Hills 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 Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support White Hills Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition and prevent bullying based on clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.
- ensuring students' appearance reflects the expectations of their school community
- enhancing individual student safety and group security

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 Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

White Hills Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

UNIFORM OPTIONS	
Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy/sky blue school polo shirt • Navy polo shirt (with or without logo) • Navy shorts/basketball shorts • Navy Windcheater or bomber jacket • Navy hat – wide brimmed bucket • Navy skort • Dress-school check • Plain coloured socks-Over the calf length socks not acceptable
Winter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Navy track pants – NO stripes, logos or large pockets • Navy/sky blue school polo shirt • Navy polo shirt (with or without logo) • Navy windcheater, bomber jacket or dry winter jacket • Navy beanie with logo

Shoe Recommendations	
Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Velcro or shoes with buckles for ease to take off and put on.
Whole School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lace Up, buckle or Velcro (enclosed toe) • black, blue or white shoes suitable for physical activities. • Runners are acceptable
<p><i>Note: Fluro or bright colours are not recommended. Thongs, slip on, high heel or skate shoes are not acceptable.</i></p>	

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities (excursions), White Hills Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms will be prescribed and are required to be worn.
- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are school colours
- Students are permitted to wear jackets, scarves, beanies to and from school to keep warm but not during the school day
- On enrolling students at the school, parents accept this policy and agree to abide by it.
- School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for the implementation of the uniform policy in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural backgrounds, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must speak to the Principal for consideration.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms through State School Relief Fund for families experiencing economic hardship. Inquiries should be directed to the Principal.

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

- Extreme hair colours (eg: green, blue, pink or purple rinse) are discouraged.
- Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety. Hair ties and head bands are to be navy, sky blue or school check.
- School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) to 30 April 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.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Bob Stewarts.

The student uniform policy, including details of uniform items and Bob Stewart's opening times, will be published on the website and in the newsletter.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Wellbeing team 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/>

White Hills Primary School also has limited uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

IMPLEMENTATION & PROCESS FOR OUT OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

- White Hills Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and via the school newsletter and ClassDojo.
 - 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.
 - Measures taken by White Hills Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.
1. **First offence:** Classroom teacher to give a verbal warning to the student. Keep a note of the name, date and item worn that isn't part of school uniform.
 2. **Second offence:** Parents contacted via phone or ClassDojo explaining the reason why their child is out of uniform (see Appendix 1). A second hand uniform may be provided to change into. This uniform is to be cleaned and returned to school by the parent/guardian as soon as possible. Incident recorded on Sentral.
 3. Classroom teacher to observe whether the student is wearing school uniform and send them to the office if they continue to be out of school uniform.
 4. Principal/Assistant Principal will contact the family if this is an ongoing concern.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

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 either in writing or in person 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
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with 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 THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

White Hills Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Complaint Policy*, available on the school website at

https://www.whitehillsp.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/1566431748complaints_policy_june_2019.pdf

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- White Hills Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- White Hills Primary School Complaints Policy
- White Hills Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

REVIEW CYCLE

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council on **October 2021** and is scheduled for review in **September 2025**.

The Department's Student Dress Code policy requires school councils to decide annually whether amendments or a full review of the dress code is required.

Appendix 1

Dear _____

Uniform notification:

Today was not wearing school uniform.

Description:

They have been supplied with:

Could these items be washed and dried and returned to the school asap.

Further Comment:

Sun Smart Hat notification:

Today was not wearing a SunSmart hat.

Description:

White Hills Primary School Council has a compulsory school uniform and all students must wear it every day, unless an out-of-uniform day has been designated by the school.

School uniform consists of plain navy blue track pants or shorts, navy and sky blue polo shirt (with or without school logo), and navy jacket or windcheater (with or without school logo). These uniform options have been widely publicised, with parents able to purchase from the uniform shop or elsewhere.

If there is a problem regarding uniforms/SunSmart hat, could you please contact the office to arrange a meeting with the Principal.

Regards,

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Acting Principal