

UNIFORMS

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Governing Council and Staff have a commitment to students wearing school uniform for the following reasons:

- It meets health and safety requirements as well as community standards of neatness and decency.
- It promotes the wearing of clothing appropriate to school activities and promotes equal opportunities for all children participating in school activities.
- It promotes a sense of belonging and school pride and helps maintain school morale.
- It enables staff to readily identify students and trespassers in the school grounds.
- It enables people to readily identify students who are not at school when they should be.
- It enables teachers and support people to readily identify students when on school excursions or when representing the school.
- It reduces peer pressure.
- It promotes the school image to the general public.
- It makes choice for parents less complicated when deciding on clothes for school each morning.

If a student is unable to wear school uniform on a particular day, we ask that parents write a brief note to the class teacher to explain.

It is paramount that students wear their uniform when on an excursion. This is of great assistance when supervising a group of students.

Please speak to your child's teacher if the uniform requirements need further clarification.

Uniform items are available from the school office and can be purchased anytime during school hours. However, parents aren't obliged to use this facility and can purchase appropriate clothes from any source. Some second hand uniform items are available from time to time – ask at the front office.

UNIFORM OPTIONS

Girls

- **Hat** Navy blue broad brim or legionnaires. Compulsory for Terms 1 & 4
- **Dresses** Navy blue and white check with sleeves (appropriate length).
- **Skirt** Navy or blue and white check (appropriate length)
- **Shorts** Navy (close to knee length or longer)
- **Pants** Navy slacks, trousers, tracksuit bottoms (no logos or adornments).
- **Shirts** Navy or white, navy or white skivvy. Shirts must cover the abdomen and shoulders and must have a collar (polo shirts)
- **Tops** Navy jumper, navy windcheater or zip jacket, no hoods
- **Socks** If socks are to be seen (eg when wearing shorts or skirt) they must be navy or white.
Navy tights

Boys

- **Hat** Navy blue broad brim or legionnaires. Compulsory for Terms 1 & 4
- **Shorts** Navy (close to knee length or longer)
- **Pants** Navy slacks, trousers, tracksuit bottoms (no logos or adornments).
- **Shirts** Navy or white, navy or white skivvy. Shirts must cover the abdomen and shoulders and must have a collar (polo shirts)
- **Tops** Navy jumper, navy wind-cheater or zip jacket, no hoods
- **Socks** If socks are to be seen (eg when wearing shorts) they must be navy or white.

- **Footwear**

Footwear that is safe and provides adequate support must be worn. It must be such that children can run safely. Thongs, ugg boots, shoes with high heels, large heavy boots and bare feet are not acceptable.

- **Hats**

In Terms 1 & 4 hats must provide shade for the face, neck and ears when children are out in the open and during play, excursions, sports and other school functions.

The school recommends broad brimmed hats or legionnaire's hats that cover the ears at all times. Bucket hats are not suitable because they do not provide adequate shade.

Students without appropriate hats will be required to sit in a designated shady spot where they can be supervised but won't be able to play.

Peaked baseball style caps are not part of the school uniform and are not acceptable.

On cold days students may choose to wear a plain navy beanie. There is a safety concern with tops with hoods and so beanies are a safer option on cold days.

- **Logos and adornments**

The only logo acceptable on school uniform items is the Woodside Primary School logo or the words: "Woodside Primary School". Although the school uniform doesn't have to have a school logo other logos are not permitted. This means that commercial logos or motifs are not acceptable.

Adornments such as non-navy stripes, patterns, coloured inserts or pleats, spots, tears and beading are not acceptable.

- **Denim**

Denim jeans and jackets are not part of the school uniform and so is not acceptable attire for school.

- **Jewellery**

Sleepers and stud earrings are acceptable items. All other forms of jewellery are not permissible due to the concern with safety for the wearer and other students.

A "Medi-Alert" badge is not regarded as jewellery and should be worn as required.

- **Make-up**

Students should not wear make-up, nail varnish (coloured or clear) or stick-on tattoos.

- **Sunscreen**

Sunscreen is available in classrooms for students who do not have their own.

- **Personal Hygiene**

All children are to have their own handkerchief or tissues (when tissues aren't assessable in the classroom). Hair is to be kept neat and tidy. It is recommended that long hair be tied back for safety reasons and reduce the chances of spreading head lice.

- **Extreme appearances**

'Extreme' or 'way out' clothing, adornments, appearances or hair styles are discouraged. School is a place for learning without distractions. The Principal has the right to challenge students and parents if it is deemed that a student's appearance is not appropriate.

- **Year 7 Jumpers**

The school's group of Year 7 students have the opportunity to design a jumper that is labelled with their names and other appropriate words. This is in recognition of their final year of Primary School. The jumper must fit within the guidelines of this Uniform Policy in terms of colours, health and safety requirements. The Principal will vet the jumper design.

- **Sports Tops**

Students representing the school in certain sports will need to wear the designated sports top. This top will be provided by the school and remains the property of the school but will need to be looked after by the student during its use.

- **Winter Jackets**

Many children already have warm over-jackets that may not be in school colours. Often these jackets are expensive. We are not expecting parents to purchase another jacket in school colours. However, if parents are looking to buy such a jacket it is recommended to consider the school colours and one without logos. School uniform coats are available at the office.

- **Scarves**

Scarves can be worn on cold days. These need to be navy blue and be used appropriately and safely.

- **School dresses / skirts**

School dresses are made to order but a small supply of stock is held in the office.

- **Labelling**

We ask that as soon as possible after purchase parents label school clothes with the child's name so that the piece of clothing, if found unattended, can be easily returned to the child.

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Uniforms are located in the Administration block and can be accessed at any time. Please come to the Office for your requirements. Our uniforms have our school logo printed on them.

OTHER PLACES TO BUY SCHOOL UNIFORM

**The Uniform Shop
Mount Barker Homemaker Centre
6 Dutton Road
Mount Barker
(Ph: 8398 3983)**

