



# SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

## PURPOSE

- To promote a positive image of the school and its students in the community.
- To create a sense of collective and individual pride in students and their identification with the school.
- A strategy for individual student safety and group security.
- To help prevent discrimination based on socio-economic circumstances and remove the potential stigma of class or sub groups, allowing students to concentrate on their learning.

## AIM

To have all students wearing the approved Wangaratta High School uniform.

## IMPLEMENTATION

### **Department of Education and Training Guidelines (authority provided to schools regarding Student Dress Code)**

(Reference: School Policy and Advisory Guide)

- All school councils have the authority to create and implement dress codes for their students. This authority arises from a ministerial Order under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006.
- A dress code is a detailed written statement of the expectations that a school council holds regarding student appearance.
- A dress code may require students to wear a school uniform and may define specifications for garment design and colour.

## HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Ink blue is the foundation colour for the Wangaratta High School (WHS) uniform.

- Colours within the Wangaratta High School emblem have been traditionally used to determine the colour of components of the school uniform.
- The WHS emblem is used to clearly identify WHS uniform items.

## NON-NEGOTIABLE PARAMETERS

- OHS workshop guidelines require footwear to be strong leather shoes or boots.

## UNIFORM CONSULTATION PROCESS

The consultation process for changes to the uniform policy will involve consultation with staff, students and parents via the Student Wellbeing Committee of School Council at Wangaratta High School.

## EXEMPTION FROM THE UNIFORM CODE

- The Principal or his/her delegate can grant exemptions to the uniform.
- The request for exemption must be received in writing and considered on a case by case basis.

### Exemption may be granted based on any of the following:

1. An aspect of the code offends a religious belief held by the student/parents/guardians.
2. An aspect of the code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their ethnic or cultural background.
3. An aspect of the code prevents students with disabilities from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students.
4. The student has a particular health condition that requires a variation from an aspect of the code.

The Principal will need to consider what kind of exemption is required. In some cases, a slight modification of the uniform requirements may be required, rather than a complete exemption.

## TRANSITION PERIOD FOR THE NEW AND DISCONTINUED ITEMS OF UNIFORM

Transition of white tops to navy blue tops with yellow trim.

Jackets and jumpers to soft shell jacket

- 2022 year 7 and new students
- 2023 year 7 & 8 and new students
- 2024 all students

## UNIFORM SUPPLIER AGREEMENT

Wangaratta High School has an exclusive arrangement with Worklocker who is the only approved supplier of the Wangaratta High School uniform. Under this contract they have right to embroider the school emblem on the nominated items of uniform.

## Acceptable Items of Uniform

Uniform List 2022

Garment	Cost
<b>Tops</b>	
Polo Shirt short sleeve blue with logo	\$34.95 Incl GST
Polo shirt long sleeve blue with logo	\$39.95 Incl GST
Polo CLC Shirt Royal with logo (year 9 only)	\$34.95 Incl GST
Jacket Softshell with logo	\$59.95 Incl GST

Heavy jacket wet weather polar fleece lined with logo	\$75.00 Incl GST
<b>Bottoms</b>	
Skirt navy stretch gabardine (summer) with logo	TBA
Skirt tartan (winter) with logo	TBA
Shorts (cuff) navy – Girls & Ladies	\$35.00 Incl GST
Shorts navy - BOYS	Sizes 10 – 16 \$28.00 Incl GST Sizes Small – 4XL \$34.00 Incl GST
Long pants navy	Sizes 10 – 16 \$39.95 Incl GST Sizes Small – 4XL \$45.00 Incl GST
<b>Sport</b>	
Polo Sport Shirt short sleeve navy/white	\$34.95 Incl GST
Shorts Sport navy/white trim	\$25.00 Incl GST
Tracksuit pant Sport microfiber navy with logo	\$39.95 Incl GST
<b>Other</b>	Day
Dress Summer with logo	TBA
Bucket hat with logo	\$16.00 Incl GST
Socks – black or white –	NOT AVAILABLE ATWORKLOCKER
Year 12 Rugby Top	(confirmed annually)
Prefect Tie	
Prefect Blazer	
School shoes must be black with no other colour	Varied

\* prices as of October 2021

### Shorts, skirts and pants

Students are allowed to wear any style of shorts, skirts or pants following the guideline below:

- They must be navy in colour with no stripes, prints or brand logos.
- Shorts or skirts must be mid-thigh length.
- No leggings will be permitted.

**YEAR 12** students may wear the school rugby top of an agreed/approved design. The design must be approved by School Council.

**CLC** students are encouraged to wear the royal blue WHS CLC polo shirt with embroidered school emblem.

**Sun Smart Hats** - A broad brimmed hat is encouraged to be worn during recess and lunch time and all outdoor activities during the period of September to April.

**Students in practical classes** will need to wear fully enclosed shoes – sandals are not acceptable in practical classes for safety and hygiene reasons.

## APPROVAL COMBINATION OF UNIFORM

WHS Uniform must be worn in an appropriate way – it is a reflection on the school, other students and the individual. Uniform consists of summer and winter styles and can be worn at any time.

## Reference

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development: School Policy & Advisory Guide

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	November 2021
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