

## WELLERS HILL STATE SCHOOL DRESS CODE

This policy has been developed in accordance with the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Sections 360-363, Section 282) and the Department of Education, Training and Employment's policy: Student Dress Code. It clearly explains and documents the standards of acceptable dress at Wellers Hill State School. The Wellers Hill State School Dress Code is endorsed by the School Council in Term 3, 2020.

Wellers Hill State School is a uniform school, with an endorsed uniform policy and children are expected to wear the Wellers Hill State School uniform correctly at all times.

Wellers Hill State School plays an important role in our community. Student dress codes should promote the good image of the school within the community, and should encourage students to uphold and enhance that image. The wearing of the correct school uniform encourages pride in both school and self.

Parents are requested to ensure that their child has the **appropriate** uniform to wear, namely the following:

| GIRLS' UNIFORM  | BOYS' UNIFORM  |
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| Royal blue knit shirt bearing school logo<br>Navy culottes or skorts or knit shorts<br>Flat, closed in all black shoes and short,<br>Plain short white / grey /black ankle socks (no markings or frills)<br>Sun safe school bucket hat<br><br>Winter: WHSS official royal blue zip jacket with logo<br>Navy blue track pants (preferred) / royal blue track pants<br>Royal/Navy blue long pants (no adornment/no denim)<br>Navy blue tights | Royal blue knit shirt bearing school logo<br>Navy knit shorts<br>Flat, closed in all black shoes and short,<br>Plain short white / grey /black ankle socks (no markings or frills)<br>Sun safe school bucket hat<br><br>Winter: WHSS official royal blue zip jacket with logo<br>Navy blue track pants (preferred) / royal blue track pants<br>Royal/Navy blue long pants (no adornment/no denim)<br>Long navy blue cotton pants |
| Head coverings such as hijab, the yarmulke or a turban may be worn in royal/navy blue or white.   |  |
| <p><b>Prep:</b> The uniform is the same as the rest of the school but with a <b>yellow broad brimmed school hat</b>.</p> <p><b>Prep Footwear:</b> Good, safe secure closed in sandals or shoes (with Velcro strips)</p>   |  |

**\*\*\*\*Shirts must be worn tucked into shorts / culottes\*\*\*\***

**Footwear:**

Flat, closed in shoes (black shoes/joggers) and socks (as specified above) must be worn so as not to inhibit students from participating in educational activities (students can not change out of their shoes for specific physical education classes).

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: Thongs, slides, heels, crocs, loose fashion sandals or open footwear are not permitted.**

**The following items are unacceptable:**

Shoes with coloured trims or logos, canvas lace up shoes, canvas shoes without laces, slip on shoes of any style or colour, regardless of whether they are black or not or footwear that does not cover the entire foot. Socks that are longer than ankle height/do not appear above the heel counter of the shoe/have markings or frills on them.

**Thongs, slides, heels, crocs, loose fashion sandals or open footwear are not permitted.**

Boots that come above the ankle, whether they are black leather or not;

Wellers Hill State School has strict expectations and requirements concerning appropriate and regulated footwear. Wellers Hill State School reserves the right to make judgements on the acceptability or otherwise of footwear and will not enter into further discussion on decisions made in this regard.

**Winter Uniform**

The usual school uniform for boys and girls as described above is worn all year round, but in winter we stock zip-front jackets. They are made from a royal blue fleecy fabric, with the official WHSS logo printed on the front. Navy or royal blue long pants / track pants may be worn as well as navy blue tights for girls. A navy blue skivvy may also be worn under the school polo shirt.

**Sun Safe:**

As listed above, the school hat must be worn (the school bucket hat). Application of sunscreen is strongly encouraged. It is recommended that students bring sunscreen (roll on only) to school and apply it several times a day. Prep students wear a broad brimmed yellow school hat.

**Hair and Makeup**

All students at Wellers Hill State School are to be well groomed and the following must be adhered to:

- Hair must be neat, clean, tidy and maintained to a presentable standard no extremes of fashion;
- Long hair (longer than shoulder length) is to be tied back due to Workplace Health and Safety policies; (tracks are not permitted, parents will be required to discuss this with the Principal)
- Teachers will provide students with hair clips to hold their hair off their faces and out of their eyes.
- It is unacceptable for hair to be coloured or dyed. Students will be asked to recolour to a their natural colour at their own expense;
- Students may wear narrow (2cm recommended) hair ribbons or small clips in the Wellers Hill State School colours. (royal blue, navy or white,). All other accessories are not permitted. These include but are not limited to: large bows, bandanas, beanies (with the exception in

winter where a navy beanie can be worn (but not in place of a school hat), bright coloured headwear;

- Eyeliner, eye shadow, mascara, and other heavy makeup is not permitted;
- Coloured nail polish and nail patterns are not permitted, including false nails or nail attachments.

**Students may be asked to remove makeup and coloured nails and nail polish.**

The school will not be held liable for any damages for student or parents personal items whilst on school premises or at a school activity.

Medical alert bracelets and a watch are permitted. Small religious / cultural necklaces are permitted to be worn underneath the school shirt. Other religious adornments may be worn with the approval of the Principal.

Smart watches may be worn after completion of the *Mobile and other electronic devices policy* and permission form and in a way that is compliant with this policy. Studs and sleepers are permitted to be worn. One earring (plain studs or sleepers) per ear for pierced ears. Studs are to be no larger than 5mm in diameter. Sleepers are to be no larger than a 5 cent piece.

No other accessories are to be worn.

The above jewellery standards apply to any occasion during or out of school hours including, but not limited to, where a student is at Wellers Hill State School, representing the school in any way, dressed in the Wellers Hill uniform including uniforms for various sporting, extra-curricular or other programs where Wellers Hill is represented by the student, or school is on display in the community.

**Clothing that is worn for cultural or medical reasons needs to be discussed with the Principal.**

**Sports Uniform (House colours):**

House-colour shirts bearing the school logo worn with navy culottes / shorts can be worn on any day of the school week EXCEPT on excursions or for class photos. House coloured hair accessories are acceptable when worn with the House shirt. Sports uniform is required to be worn for annual sporting events.

**Music Uniform**

Music shirts can be worn on any day that the student has their instrumental music lesson or ensemble rehearsal. This will also include choir rehearsals. It is not to be worn every day of the week.

**Swimming:**

Students must wear swimming togs **plus a sun-safe shirt**. The school has a “NO SHIRT, NO SWIM” policy. Bathing caps **must** also be worn.

**Rationale for School Dress Code:**

Adhering to the School Dress Code at Wellers Hill State School by students will assist the school community to:

- Maximise student access to, and participation in, all educational experiences
- Enhance student safety by ready identification of members of the student body
- Ensure health and safety requirements according to relevant legislation and policy
- Minimise harassment attributed to, and accentuated by, dress
- Ensure flexibility of style, colour and fabrics, based on factors such as temperature and humidity, exposure to ultra-violet radiation, flammability, personal comfort, body shape, and appropriateness for the activity
- Ensure that both male and female students have items of dress that allow full participation in physical activities
- Minimise stereotypical ideas
- Encourage respect between students and school staff, students and community members, and among students
- Contribute positively to a supportive school environment
- Encourage effective learning and teaching practices.

**Inappropriate Dress:**

Inappropriate dress refers to clothing or apparel that the student wears that is, or could be deemed to be:

- Offensive
- Likely to disrupt, or negatively influence, the normal operation of the school
- Unsafe for the student or others
- Likely to result in a risk to the health of the student or others.

**Students unable to wear an item of the correct uniform must comply with the following procedures:**

Report to the office with their parent, to discuss out of uniform issue with the Principal or Deputy Principal;

Teachers note the uniform breach and send the student to the office with a uniform breach slip;

Students provide a note from parents explaining the uniform breach and the period for which this will exist;

Where possible, contact will be made with the parent/guardian to negotiate a solution to the uniform breach;

Where the student's dress is deemed appropriate, the student will be issued with a signed uniform slip indicating that they have followed procedures which will indicate length and reason for the uniform breach;

Incorrect uniform items may be confiscated for the day by a member of administration in consultation with the parent/guardian.

**Noncompliance with Dress Code – Education (General Provisions) Act 2006**

## Section 362 of the Act

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

- a. detention of the student for a period mentioned in section 283(3);
- b. prevent the student from attending, or participating in, any activity for which the student would have been representing the school;
- c. prevent the student from attending, or participating in, any school activity that, in the reasonable opinion of the school's principal, is not part of the essential educational program of the school.

### ***Examples of shoes meeting requirements:***

