



Watsonia Heights Primary School School Uniform Policy

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Equality, health and safety issues, and expense are factors that contribute to the establishment of the Uniform Policy. At Watsonia Heights Primary School the wearing of school uniform is compulsory for all students except where exemption is given by School Council.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation:

- The acceptable school uniform should consist of a combination of items from the designated uniform list.
- All students are expected to wear the school uniform to school each day. If a student is unable to wear their uniform to school on a particular day then *an explanation* note from the parent or guardian is to be sent to the class teacher. If a student repeatedly does not wear their school uniform the teacher or Principal will follow up with the parents.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions or participating in Interschool sport.
- School uniform items are available for purchase from the School Council run “Uniform Shop.”
- Second-hand uniforms are available from the Uniform Shop.
- There will be a special uniform item printed each year for the Grade 6 students and Grade 5/6 students have a special Performing Arts T-shirt.
- In line with our SunSmart Policy, the school black slouch hat is an essential item. Children are required to wear their hats in Terms 1 and 4. Students may wear their slouch hats in Terms 2 and 3 as required for sun protection. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Hair accessories and jewellery is to be kept to a minimum as they present safety issues within a school environment. Parents are asked to be mindful of safety issues when allowing their children to wear hair accessories and jewellery. Students may be asked to remove items if they are considered to present a potential danger for an activity, for example, children will be asked to remove jewellery when playing sport.
- The School uniform policy will be implemented sensitively.

The following uniform combinations are acceptable within the policy guidelines.

Girls Uniform	
Summer	Winter
Red and white check school dress School red polo shirt or school T-shirt Plain black skirt or netball skirt (appropriate length) Plain black shorts/skorts (appropriate length) Red windcheater/ school bomber jacket School black slouch hat	School red long sleeve polo shirt or T-shirt or skivvy Black tracksuit pants/black pants (no stripes or labels) Red windcheater / school bomber jacket School tunic Black school beanie with school logo Black spray jacket with school logo

Boys Uniform	
Summer	Winter
School red polo shirt or school t-shirt with logo Black shorts/pants School white slouch hat Black spray jacket with school logo	School red polo shirt or red skivvy Black tracksuit pants or plain black pants (no stripes or labels) School red windcheater / school bomber jacket Black school beanie Black spray jacket with school logo

Footwear	Grade Five and Six students
Black shoes Sport shoes or other covered shoes <i>White, black or red socks</i>	Grade Six students have a special year six top

Art	Library
All students are encouraged to have an Art Smock for protection of their clothes	All students are asked to bring a Library book bag for protection and carrying of borrowed books

School Bags
School bags/backpack specifically designed for primary aged students are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop

Iron on School Badge
An iron on school badge is available

Evaluation:

Major and minor reviews as set out in the School Policy Development guidelines and Policy review cycle will be undertaken and tabled at School Council for approval.

School Council Approval: 26th May 2008