



## SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY-2017

### RATIONALE

- 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 Principal.

### AIMS

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

### IMPLEMENTATION

- Acceptable school uniform consists of a combination of items from the designated uniform list (see Appendix 1).
- It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure their child attends school in the correct school uniform.
- All students are expected to wear the school uniform to school each day.
- The School uniform policy will be implemented sensitively. In exceptional circumstances: medical or religious, exemptions to the policy may be sought from the Principal.
- 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.
- The dress code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, school photo days, when students are on school excursions, representing the school 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 are support options for families finding it difficult meeting the cost of uniform.
- There will be a special uniform item printed each year for the Grade 6 students.
- In line with The Cancer Council's SunSmart guidelines, the school black slouch hat is an essential item. Children are required to wear their hats from September to the end of April. Students may wear their slouch hats in Terms 2 and 3 as required for sun protection. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Students without a uniform hat will be directed to, and must remain in, a shaded area from September to the end of April.
- Hair longer than collar length must be tied back, with no hair falling over the eyes.
- Headbands and hair accessories are to be kept to a minimum and need to be in school colours only (i.e. red and black).
- Extreme hairstyles and hair colour is not permitted.
- Wearing of make-up and nail polish is not permitted.
- Scarves (in school colours) can be worn to and from school, but not in classrooms.
- Jewellery is not permitted, except for one plain necklace, one bracelet, one pair of studs or sleepers and a watch.
- The watch must be an acceptable size and not be of a 'toy' variety.
- School staff will actively encourage the implementation of this policy.

- Students will be asked to remove items if they are in breach of the uniform policy or are considered to present a potential danger for an activity, for example, students will be asked to remove jewellery when playing sport.
- An ‘Out of Uniform Notice’ will be sent home after 1 days grace (see Appendix 2).
- If a student repeatedly does not wear their school uniform the teacher or Principal will follow up with the parents.

#### EVALUATION

- This policy will be reviewed by the School Council as part of the school’s regular review cycle.
- Next review due May 2020

This policy was last ratified by WHPS School Council in	May 2017
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The following uniform combinations are acceptable within the policy guidelines.

<b>Girls Uniform</b>	
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>
Red and white check school dress School red and black polo shirt with logo Plain black skirt or netball skirt (appropriate length) Plain black shorts/skorts (appropriate length) Red Microfiber zip jacket/ black zip jacket with school logo School black slouch hat	School red and black polo shirt with logo Black tracksuit pants/black pants (no stripes or labels) Plain black leggings (worn under a dress /skirt not on their own, with no detailing such as studs or lace) supplied by parent Red Microfiber zip jacket/ black zip jacket/ bomber jacket with school logo Black beanie

<b>Boys Uniform</b>	
<b>Summer</b>	<b>Winter</b>
School red and black polo shirt with logo Black shorts/pants Red Microfiber zip jacket/ black zip jacket with school logo School black slouch hat	School red and black polo shirt with logo Black tracksuit pants or plain black pants (no stripes or labels) Red zip Microfiber jacket/ black zip jacket/ bomber jacket with school logo Black beanie

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






<b>Art</b>	<b>Library</b>
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



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

**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.







**APPENDIX 1**

<b>GIRLS UNIFORM – SUMMER TERMS 1 &amp; 4</b>	
	Red and white check school dress
	School red and black polo with logo
	Plain black skirt or netball skirt (mid thigh length with no detailing, such as stripes or labels)
	Plain black shorts/skorts (mid thigh length with no detailing, such as stripes or labels)
	Black school zip jacket with logo

	<p>Red Microfiber Zip Jacket with logo</p>
	<p>School black slouch hat</p>

**GIRLS UNIFORM – WINTER  
TERMS 2 & 3**

<p><b>GIRLS UNIFORM – WINTER TERMS 2 &amp; 3</b></p>	
	<p>School red and black polo with logo</p>
	<p>Black matte tracksuit pants (mid thigh length with no detailing, such as stripes or labels)</p>
	<p>Black school zip jacket with logo</p>
	<p>Red Microfiber Zip Jacket with logo</p>

<b>BOYS UNIFORM – SUMMER TERMS 1 &amp; 4</b>	
	School red and black polo with logo
	Plain black shorts (mid thigh length with no detailing, such as stripes or labels)
	Black school zip jacket with logo
	Red Microfiber Zip Jacket with logo
	School black slouch hat
	Plain black beanie

**BOYS UNIFORM – WINTER  
TERMS 2 & 3**



School red and black polo with logo



Black matte tracksuit pants (mid thigh length with no detailing, such as stripes or labels)



Black school zip jacket with logo



Red Microfiber Zip Jacket with logo



Plain black beanie

**FOOTWEAR**




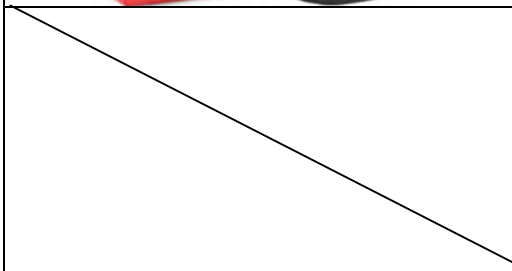


Black school shoes (no slip on shoes)



Sport shoes (predominately black or white)



White or black socks

<b>ADDITIONAL ITEMS</b>	
	<p>School bags/backpack specifically for primary aged students are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop.</p> <p>If students do not have a WHPS bag then a school-sized bag in plain red or black should be used so there is sufficient room for a lunchbox, drink bottle, library books and home reader.</p> <p>No Duffel bags. Promotional or printed backpacks</p>
	<p><b>Grade Six Students</b> Grade six students have a special year six top/jacket. This may differ each year depending on what is selected.</p>
	<p><b>Art</b> All students required an art smock for protection of their clothes.</p>
	<p><b>Library</b> All students are asked to bring a red/black library book bag for protection and carrying of borrowed books .</p>





*Strive for the Heights*

## OUT OF UNIFORM NOTICE

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ was out of uniform today as he/she was wearing

Our school uniform is compulsory. Our 'Uniform Policy' can be viewed on our website.

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents' Signature**  
**(Please return to school)**