



Warrandyte High School Student Dress Code Policy

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Warrandyte High School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Warrandyte High School's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Warrandyte High School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

SCOPE:

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM & APPEARANCE:

At Warrandyte High School students are required to wear full and correct school uniform at all times. Students have the choice to wear either the full traditional school uniform OR the full PE uniform. Details of these items and the full list of Warrandyte High School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

Students are permitted to wear their uniform items all year round, and we do not have a specific requirement for days of the week/seasons etc. (e.g. there is not a 'winter' or 'summer' uniform).

Students are permitted to wear white or black socks only (with either uniform option) but these are not to contain logos.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Warrandyte High School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good condition
- Uniforms should be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are permitted to wear jewellery to school, however this should not be excessive. Stud earrings and sleepers are permitted to be worn in the ears as long as they do not pose a safety hazard. Facial piercings are permitted, though they are not to be excessive nor pose a safety risk.

Hair and Sun safety

While not compulsory, we do strongly encourage students to wear hats outside from the commencement of Term 4 until 30 April the following year, and on any other day prescribed by the school. As we are a secondary school, we expect students to take responsibility for being sun smart by wearing a school hat during outdoor activities or staying in the shade, if they are not wearing sunscreen

At no time are hats or beanies permitted to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORM:

Uniform items can be purchased directly from PSW – either by ordering online or going into the Croydon store in person. Follow this link to view directly on the PSW website:

https://www.psw.com.au/schools/warrandyte-high-school.html?_id=1713310753686

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Business Manager to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

Warrandyte High School also has uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

IMPLEMENTATION & GENERAL UNIFORM RULES:

Warrandyte High School will ensure that this *Student Dress Code* is communicated to all families and students through our website, Compass and our bi-monthly newsletter. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

The rules regarding the wearing of uniform apply to students coming to school and going home from school as well as while at school or involved in school activities.

1. The school colours are navy blue, red and white and these colours should be used for head bands/tying back hair, etc.
2. Students are permitted to wear items of costume jewellery as long as they are not excessive. Items of religious significance or neck chains are acceptable. Where possible, costume jewellery should be covered by the uniform worn. Students can wear a maximum of three small sleepers or studs per ear. They cannot wear any other type of earrings, including spacers. Students can wear one nose stud/other facial piercing.
3. Students can wear cosmetics but only if foundation is of a natural skin tone and it should contain a sunblock ingredient. Nail polish will only be permitted if it is a clear, non-coloured variety.

4. Badges worn on jumpers or jackets must be officially sanctioned by the school i.e. SRC, House Captain, etc.
5. Students are expected to be always neat in appearance. In the interests of personal and public health, students are expected to show high standards of personal hygiene. Part of the policy governing school uniform includes the **way it is worn**. Skirts/dresses/shorts are to be of a modest and appropriate length. Our uniform is a symbol of our school and something of which to be proud. It is to be worn neatly and the uniform kept clean. It is important to take a pride in our appearance.
6. Extremes in terms of hairstyles, hair colour and facial hair must be avoided at all times. The Principal/Assistant Principal will exercise final judgement on such matters.
7. Students out of uniform, with a signed note from a parent/guardian, must obtain a Uniform Pass from the General Office at the beginning of the day BEFORE going to class. Failure to do this will result in a consequence being issued. Students out of uniform, without a signed note from a parent/guardian must obtain a Uniform Pass from the General Office – they will also be issued with a lunch time detention on that day as a consequence of breaching this Uniform Policy.
8. Staff enforce the Uniform Policy with vigilance. Consequences will result for incorrect uniform as per item 7 (above). Incorrect items of uniform may be confiscated (this can include, but is not limited to hoodies, caps/beanies (non-logo/not navy blue or being worn in class) etc.
9. Failure to be wearing correct uniform for PE and/or Sport will be treated in the same way as failure to dress in correct normal school uniform.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE:

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE:

Warrandyte High School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, on our website.

COMMUNICATION:

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website (or insert other online parent/carer/student communication method)
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

Please note that Appendix A, on the next page, refers to our transitional period (2024 – 2026 only). Items that were purchasable prior to April 2024 will continue to be permitted to be worn, with the understanding that in 2025 the incoming Year 7 cohort will only be able to purchase new items through PSW. In 2025 and 2026, should families want to use items pre-April 2024 for purposes of 'hand-me-downs' this will be permitted for 2025 only. For the remainder of 2024 and 2025, students have the option to wear navy or grey shorts or pants/trousers. From April 2024, students can only wear navy blue tracksuit pants however (no other colour tracksuit pants permitted).

Items available through the General Office at Warrandyte High School:

- Optional white shirt
- Optional WHS Backpacks
- Optional WHS Caps
- Optional WHS school tie
- Second-Hand Uniform items

APPENDIX A:

ITEM DESCRIPTION	NOTES
Traditional Uniform Items	
WHS S/S Pique Polo w Contrast Panels & Piping	Purchase only through PST. Students must wear either Polo shirt or white shirt (up until end of 2025)
Flat Front Trouser - Stretch Gab	Navy blue or grey (up until end of 2025) Can be purchased elsewhere
Flat Front Short - Stretch Gab	Navy blue or grey (up until end of 2025) Can be purchased elsewhere
Girls Stretch Trouser	Navy blue or grey (up until end of 2025) Can be purchased elsewhere
Tailored Short - Stretch Gab	Navy blue or grey (up until end of 2025) Can be purchased elsewhere
WHS Summer Dress - Contrast Piping	Purchase only through PSW
Winter Box Pleat Skirt	Purchase only through PSW
Sport Uniform Items	
WHS S/S Sports Polo	Purchase only through PSW. Students must wear this if choosing to wear Sport Uniform
Tracksuit Pants	Navy blue only Can be purchased elsewhere
Stretch Micro Fibre Shorts	Navy blue or grey (up until end of 2025) Can be purchased elsewhere
Girls Lined Shorts	Navy blue or grey (up until end of 2025) Can be purchased elsewhere
Traditional OR Sport Uniform Items (can be worn with either uniform)	
WHS 1/4 Zip Track jumper	Purchase only through PSW
WHS Padded Puffa Vest with Contrast Pocket Zip & Puller	Purchase only through PSW
WHS Rugby Jumper	Purchase only through PSW
Jacket - Rain	Purchase only through PSW
Socks	Must be white or black only/No logos permitted Can be purchased elsewhere
Winter Scarf	Navy blue only Not for purchase through PSW
Baseball Cap	Navy blue only/no other logo Not permitted to be worn indoors Not for purchase through PSW
Shoes	Polishable black leather school shoes/runners to be worn with traditional uniform only. Runners (canvas shoes not permitted) with PE Uniform

***Year 12 Jacket**

Students in Year 12 will have the option of wearing a Year 12 Jacket (student designed and approved by the Principal at the end of Year 11 ready for the following year). This is purchased separately through the school at the end of Year 11

COMMUNICATION:

This policy will be communicated to our staff in the following ways:

- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at annual staff briefings/meetings

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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