



Uniform Policy

Rationale:

- The purpose of the WSC Uniform Policy is to provide students with a sense of belonging and pride of association with the College. The Uniform Policy promotes the safety and security of students by allowing for the ready identification of Westall Secondary College students. Equality is fostered by a Uniform Policy common to all students.

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:

- After consultation with the school community, School Council has developed a Uniform Policy that allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Uniform Policy applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
- The times when summer and winter uniform may be worn are as follows:
Terms 1 and 4 – summer uniform
Terms 2 and 3 – winter uniform
However, during the first week of Term 2, either summer or winter uniform will be permitted.
- The summer dress, winter skirt and school shorts should be of acceptable length, just at the knee.
- The school sport uniform must be worn for Physical Education classes, certain iCreate classes eg: Sport, and internal/external sporting events. The only exception will be for the school Athletics and Swimming events, when students are encouraged to wear their house colours.
- A minimum of jewelry will be accepted. Only stud earrings or sleepers are permitted to be worn. Items of body art are to remain covered at all times. There must be no visible body piercings.
- Natural hair colors and/or natural hairstyles are permitted.
- A minimum of non-obvious makeup may be worn.
- Only clear nail polish is acceptable. Finger nails should be an acceptable length, in accordance with OHS requirements. False nails or nail attachments are not permitted.
- Students are permitted to wear the school hat outside the classroom.
- Head scarves or ribbons must be **plain** navy blue or white only.
- Neck scarves may be worn during winter. They must be **plain** navy blue only.
- PSW is the current school uniform supplier. Order forms are available from the office and on the school website or PSW website.
- Second hand uniform can be accessed through the Sustainable School Shop.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and purchase arrangements, will be published on the school website, in the college diary, and in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Uniform Policy in a manner consistent with the Westall Way Learning Behaviour Framework.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Uniform Policy due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health conditions or economic hardship, must apply in writing to the Principal / Assistant Principal.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four-year review cycle.