



Woombye State School

Uniform Policy

Rationale

Upon enrolling at Woombye State School, parents acknowledge and will comply with our school Uniform Policy. This Uniform Policy has been agreed upon by the school community and ratified by our Parents & Citizens Association (P&C). Our school is a Uniform school i.e. everyday students will wear the Uniform, with the option of wearing the Sport Shirt on Fridays. The Uniform must also be worn on special occasions, school excursions etc.

At Woombye State School, we take seriously our role of developing our students as individuals in readiness for High School and their place in society. We are committed to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for all members of its community. The School Values, generated by the "You Can Do It" Program, underpin the philosophy and importance of this Uniform Policy.

- ✓ **Organisation:** Uniforms ensure ready identification of students and non-students at school. In line with our legal responsibilities under Workplace Health and Safety requirements as enacted in relevant legislation and policy, appropriate clothing should be worn to allow students to safely participate in the full range of educational activities at school.
- ✓ **Resilience:** Encouraging all students to embrace the School community ethos that promotes a positive school image to the local community by demonstrating that the School has high expectations of its students, a pleasant tone and a growing level of school morale.
- ✓ **Confidence:** Students are encouraged to take personal pride in their own presentation, grooming and in their school. We create a school atmosphere where each individual student is encouraged to be confident in the person that they are without needing to modify their outward appearance. We focus on teaching and learning rather than fashion. With this confidence comes a self-assurance that they are a worthy individual and have a solid self-esteem.
- ✓ **Getting Along:** A school uniform helps to develop mutual respect through minimising evidence of economic or social difference.
- ✓ **Persistence:** Students and families having ownership over ensuring uniforms are worn each and every day to the standard as set out in the Uniform Policy. Maximising the focus on learning and minimising distractions of dress differences.

Our P&C has worked hard to design and access quality uniform items at very reasonable prices. Small profits from sales supplement priority areas of the school as determined by the P&C.

Girls' Uniform

Item	How/When Worn	Available at the Uniform Shop
General School Uniform		
School polo shirt		✓
Plain black skirt, shorts or culottes	Worn on the waist at an acceptable and modest length for school wear.	✓
School dress	Worn at an acceptable and modest length for school wear	✓
School Jacket, plain black tracksuit or jumper	Worn in cooler weather	✓
Plain black pants	Worn in cooler weather	☒
Plain black tights	Worn in cooler weather under black skirts, shorts, culottes or school dress.	☒
Plain white or black socks	Worn covering the ankles.	☒
School hat or broad-brim of no less than 6cm	Worn outdoors for sun protection Must protect the face and back of neck "No Hat – No Play" Policy applies ☒ Caps and Visors are not acceptable	✓
School coloured House polo shirt	Blaxland – Wentworth - Lawson Worn on Fridays and House competitions	✓
Senior Shirt	Optional - Only to be worn by Seniors	✓
School bag or backpack		✓
Swimming Uniform		
One-piece swimming costume.		☒
Swimming cap	While not compulsory, wearing swimming caps is strongly recommended.	✓
Shirt	Worn as a sun safety measure.	☒
Accessories		
School Library Bag	A waterproof bag.	✓

Boys' Uniform

Item	How/When Worn	Available at the Uniform Shop
General School Uniform		
School polo shirt		✓
Plain black shorts	Worn on the waist at an acceptable and modest length for school wear.	✓
School Jacket, plain black tracksuit or jumper	Worn in cooler weather	✓
Plain black pants	Worn in cooler weather	☒
Plain white or black socks	Worn covering the ankles.	☒
School hat or broad-brim of no less than 6cm	Worn outdoors for sun protection Must protect the face and back of neck "No Hat – No Play" Policy applies ☒ Caps and Visors are not acceptable	✓
School coloured House polo shirt	Blaxland – Wentworth - Lawson Worn on Fridays and House competitions	✓
Senior Shirt	Optional - Only to be worn by Seniors	✓
School bag or backpack		✓
Swimming Uniform		
Regular swim shorts or swimming togs.		☒
Swimming cap	While not compulsory, wearing swimming caps is highly recommended.	✓
Shirt	Worn as a sun safety measure.	☒
Accessories		
School Library Bag	A waterproof bag.	✓

Footwear For All Students

Item	How/When Worn	Available at the Uniform Shop
Black shoes OR Black or white athletic shoes with non-marking sole for indoor use.	Worn at all times unless otherwise advised. ☒ Gym boots, canvas shoes (such as Dunlop Volleys) and street shoes are not acceptable as they do not provide appropriate support for physical activity.	☒
Black or white shoelaces only.		☒

Accessories

- ✓ Students may wear a watch
- ✓ Students are permitted one pair of earrings (standard size sleeper or studs; one for each ear lobe)
- ✓ Other accessories worn due to cultural and/or religious beliefs must be black, yellow or white and will need approval through a member of the Administration.
- ✓ Head scarfs must be one plain colour matching the school uniform (i.e. black or yellow)
- ☒ No jewellery permitted during sport for safety reasons
- ☒ No form of body piercing (lip, nose, tongue, etc.)
- ☒ No bracelets, anklets, necklaces or chains unless legitimate medical or religious significance
- ☒ No make-up of any form or nail polish.
- ☒ No fake tattoos where they are visible to anyone else.

NB: Students may be asked to remove these items in some practical lessons where they contravene workplace health and safety requirements. During this time they should be handed in to the Teacher for safekeeping.

Hair

- ✓ Must be clean, worn neatly and combed off the face
- ✓ Hair to be tied in 'ponytail' if longer than the top of the collar (this is a WPHS requirement).
- ✓ Hair accessories such as clips and bands are to be school colours (black and/or yellow).
- ☒ No extremes of style (rat's tails, mohawk, etc.) and colour (colours should be natural)
- ☒ No style variations of concern will be addressed at the discretion of the school administration
- ☒ No hair containing more than one colour is considered inappropriate

Non-Uniform Days

Non-Uniform Days or 'Free Dress' is allowed on special days, school camps and other times as notified. Free dress must maintain a school standard and the following guidelines apply:

- ✓ Students must wear closed in footwear.
- ✓ ONLY shirts with sleeves and of a length to thoroughly cover the midriff
- ✓ Dresses should have sleeves and be of modest length
- ✓ Skirts and shorts must also be of modest lengths
- ☒ No crude, rude or violent or otherwise unsuitable logos on T-shirts.
- ☒ No sandals or open footwear e.g. Thongs
- ☒ No tops with thin straps or singlets
- ☒ No shirts showing midriffs
- ☒ No clothing with inappropriate slogans

Label All Belongings

- ✓ All belongings to be labelled with full name and class with a permanent marker/label.
- ✓ Lunch boxes, drink bottles, hats and jumpers are the most frequent lost items.
- ✓ Any items found will be placed in the lost property box in the Undercover Area.
- ✓ After a reasonable interval, unnamed articles will be taken to the uniform shop for sale as second hand clothing.
- ✓ The school accepts no responsibility for lost property.

Exemptions

- The only exemptions to this Dress Code are students whose impairments prevent them from conforming to the Dress Code or students whose families have religious or cultural grounds for conscientious objection.
- In such cases, these students and parents will need to discuss their situation with the Principal on enrolment and the issue will be reviewed.
- Students who are exempt from wearing some Uniform items must wear clothing and footwear conforming to Workplace Health and Safety requirements if they wish to participate in outside activities.
- Parents must contact the school whenever sending their child to school when not meeting the School Uniform Policy.

Newly enrolled students or families experiencing genuine hardship may contact the Principal to make arrangements to comply with the Dress Code.

P&C Uniform Shop

- ✓ Uniforms are available from the "Grace Room" (near F Block)
- ✓ 2.30pm to 3.15pm Wednesday
- ✓ 8:15am to 8:45am Friday
- ✓ Accepted payments: cash, EFTPOS and credit card.