

**Rationale:**

School Council has approved compulsory wearing of school uniform for all children attending Wallington Primary School.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride and identification with our school.
- Maintain and enhance the high public and community regard for the school and its students.
- To provide durable clothing that is practical and cost effective.

Implementation:

- Students are required to wear a school uniform as approved by School Council.
- All students representing the school for any event or activity may only do so when wearing full school uniform.
- For safety reasons, jewellery, with the exception of watches and plain stud or small “sleeper” earrings, is not permitted.
- Natural hair colour only, unless there is a specific school event or activity requiring hair to be coloured. For non-school events a note should be provided to the classroom teacher about the event and the hair colour requirements.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- For safety and health reasons, students with shoulder length or longer hair must have it tied back with school coloured hair ties/bands.
- In line with our SunSmart policy all students will be required to wear a school hat when outside from October until May. This includes lunch- time, recess, and Physical Education classes and sports sessions. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Uniform items will be available for purchase from Coastal Uniforms (21 Smithton Grove Ocean Grove) and the second hand shop located at school.
- A screen printing service will be offered if possible, for parents who wish to purchase a standard clothing item and then have the compulsory school logo on it.
- The student Uniform Policy, including details of uniform items and places of purchase will be published in the school newsletter annually, on the website and app, and form part of our information pack.
- All clothing must be of reasonable and clean condition. Torn or ripped clothing must be mended, patched or replaced as appropriate.
- School Council authorises the Principal to be responsible for the implementation of the Uniform Policy and breaches will be dealt with accordingly.
- Parents seeking an exemption to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health conditions or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal. The Principal will notify School Council and keep record of the result of each application.
- Individual uniform items may be altered or added at any time at the discretion of the School Council following appropriate consultation with the parent community.
- Year 6 children will have the option of wearing special tops (both polo and jumper)
- The Principal:
 - may prescribe alternative clothing to be worn for special occasions, camps, sports, events and excursions.
 - may excuse a student from wearing school uniform in exceptional circumstances.
 - may assist parents in financial need to acquire uniform items.

Wallington PS Approved School Uniform	
Navy Polar Fleece Jacket	Navy Polar Fleece Vest
Navy Crew Neck Jumper	Short Sleeve Polo Shirt (navy or maroon)
Long sleeve Polo Shirt (navy or maroon)	Track Pants (navy)
Shorts (navy or tartan)	Gingham Skort (no tights/leggings to be worn underneath)
Tartan Skort (tights may be worn underneath)	School Dress (no tights/leggings to be worn underneath)
Navy Skort (sports days)	Hat – compulsory during Terms 1 & 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broad brimmed (with school logo) • Hats can have one identifying token but are not to be covered in badges, pins or writing. • Caps and novelty hats are not to be worn.
Leggings are not part of school uniform	No thongs, open toed sandals or slip on shoes
Navy Rain Coat	Navy Beanie (school logo)

*hooded jackets and jumpers will be phased out over the next 12 months

Evaluation:

The School Council will give consideration to a consultative process that guarantees opportunity for the viewpoints of parents/guardians, teachers and, where relevant, students to be expressed. Consultation may include:

- Notices in the weekly newsletter, website or Skoolbag app
- Display of items in the foyer
- Parent survey
- Agenda item at School Council and Services Sub-committee
- Parent Forum discussion
- Other methods as deemed appropriate.

This policy will be reviewed every three years in consultation with the school community.

This policy is required to be reviewed triennially by School Council, or at any time that DET policy changes influence practices in schools.

Signed: _____ (School Principal)

Signed: _____ (School Council President)

Date: _____ Ratified by School Council