Wallerawang Public School

Student Uniform Policy
(Created December 2013)

This policy outlines for the school community the purpose and reasons for a uniform.

Rationale:
At Wallerawang Public School the wearing of full and correct school uniform is seen as important and valued by the school community. A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance and instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community. Issues of equality, health and safety and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of our uniform policy. The Department of Education and Communities supports the wearing of school uniform and requires students to conform to acceptable general standards of dress inclusive of the school’s uniform requirements.

Aims:
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community
- To develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school
- To promote equality amongst all students
- To provide security for all children travelling to and from school and on excursions
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school community

In choosing a uniform for Wallerawang Public School the Uniform Committee has ensured our uniform is:
- Comfortable, practical, safe, easy to launder, modest, cost – effective, hard wearing, suited to school activities and weather patterns
- Distinctive – providing a positive image for public education, our school and suburb
- Supportive of our sun safe policy with a ‘NO HAT NO PLAY’ expectation.
- Suitable for all body types and students K-6
- Inclusive in terms of cultural, religious and gender perspectives
- Enhanced by our school logo
- Supported by a designated sports uniform for sport and school representation

KEY POLICY STATEMENTS
COMMUNICATION AND SALES

School uniform sales are conducted through the school uniform shop run on a voluntary basis currently by Mrs Leanne Houlison who sources the supplies and provides the uniforms for sale. The uniform shop is open: Tuesday afternoons from 2 – 3pm. Items can also be ordered and paid for at the school office.
Parents and caregivers can access a copy of the uniform policy, uniform items and price list from the school office. New arrivals to the school will also receive the same information in their ‘Enrolment Package’.

Any changes to the uniform policy will be undertaken under the auspices of the Uniform Committee and after consultation with the whole school community as per DEC policy.

A uniform committee comprising P&C representatives, staff and students will be established to oversee and recommend any changes to school uniform policy or uniform items.

Items of uniform, which are found but do not carry a name, will be put in ‘lost property’. This is kept in the foyer area of the office. Students and parents may visit the ‘lost property’ box to claim items.

Unclaimed, un-named items from the ‘lost property’ box will be cleared from the box each term and made available for second hand purchase through the clothing pool.

There is a separate policy for Year 6 commemorative clothing. This will be communicated to parents and caregivers of students in Year 6 each year.

Families experiencing financial difficulties may apply to the Principal to assist with uniform purchases.

**EXPECTATIONS**

- The school and parent community expects that students be fully outfitted with winter and summer school uniforms, sports uniform and PSSA representative uniforms.
- All items of school uniform must be clearly labelled with the students name.
- Correct school uniform is a condition for attendance on excursions and for representative sport and other representative activities.
- NO BRAND NAMES to be worn.
- NO HAT NO PLAY requires that any child without a school hat must remain in a shaded area during recess and lunch play times. Hats are not worn inside buildings.
- NO HOODIES with the exception of Mufti days.
- NSWPSSA & REPRESENTATIVE JUMPERS (possible negotiation of wearing these for one weeks duration after the event).
- Grey shorts & pants to be phased out (over 12 months).

**SUMMER – Universal Uniform**

**BOYS:** Short sleeve school polo shirt, blue shorts, school hat

**GIRLS:** Short sleeve school polo shirt, skorts, skirts, navy blue shorts, school hat

**WINTER**

**BOYS:** Short sleeve school polo shirt, navy blue sports shorts, navy blue track suit pant, school jumper and/or jacket
GIRLS: Short sleeve polo shirt, navy blue sports shorts, navy blue track suit pant or bootleg pants, skorts/skirt - stockings/tights; school jumper and/or jacket

SPORTS
Short sleeve polo shirt, navy blue shorts, Light & dark blue track suit jacket, navy blue track suit pant

FOOTWEAR – white socks, sensible footwear – preferably no bright colours

PSSA representation
Designated uniform per sporting team - supplied by the school to be returned after use.

ACCESSORIES
School hat
Wallerawang Public School Library bag
Wallerawang Public School badge

Related Documents
- DEC School Uniform Policy
- School Uniforms in NSW Government School: A Support Document

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