



Warracknabeal Secondary College

Uniform Policy

Child Safety statement: Warracknabeal Secondary College is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.

Rationale:

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the dress code.

Aims:

- To promote –
 - a sense of identity and pride
 - cohesion and good order in the school
- To prevent bullying and competition on the basis of clothing.
- To ensure students' appearance reflects the expectations of their school community.
- To enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.
- To strengthen the spirit of community within the school.
- To enhance individual student safety and group security.
- To ensure all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- To encourages students to develop pride in their appearance.
- To prepare students for the expectations of workplaces.
- To encourage students to present themselves appropriately for a particular role.
- To promote equality amongst all students.
- 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.

Uniform: Year 7-12

- College grey pants or College grey shorts
- Green and white check dress
- Tailored navy blue shorts, not denim.
- WSC green jumper
- WSC navy blue polar fleece jacket or vest with WSC logo.
- Grey, black or white socks (these are to be clearly visible above the shoes)
- Tailored navy trousers, not denim.
- White shirt/polo top
- Regulation black shoes/boots
- Blue tracksuit pants with WSC logo
- Year 12 students will have an optional year 12 jumper
- No active wear

In addition to the above uniform the following rules apply to certain practical subjects

Product Design and Technology (Wood, Auto, Metalwork, Home Economics): Leather covered shoes must be worn – no sandals. Protective overalls may be worn in the workshop area.

Art: Protective clothing (smock or old shirt) may be worn.

Advance: Advance t-shirt as specified from year to year.

Hands on Learning: casual work ready dress; covered in shoes/boots.

Other

Jackets may be worn to and from school, between classes and at recess and lunch. Jackets must be removed in the class, unless circumstances warrant them to be worn.

Hats/beanies/scarves may be worn to and from school, between classes and at recess and lunch. All headwear (as specified) is to be removed during class time – no exceptions.

Fingernails to be at an appropriate length, as per OH&S and classroom requirements (eg. Music, Food Tech). Nail polish is also removed for Food Technology class (OH&S)

Long hair to be tied back in all technology classes (OH&S).

Warracknabeal Secondary College has an agreed uniform to be worn by all students at levels 7 to 12. Parents are encouraged to label all articles of clothing. If students are out of uniform for any reason they must report to their Level Coordinator or Assistant Principal before the commencement of school to receive a uniform pass which is carried with them for the day. A note from parents is required if a student is out of uniform. If no note is provided a phone call home may be made, and if the concern continues without a reasonable excuse, detentions may result. Also, the Level Coordinator may access uniform at the school and ask the student to change into it.

Implementation:

- After consultation with the school community and the Student Representative Council, School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours (including casual days for footwear), while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. The hat will either be the school issues navy bucket hat, or a similar broad-brimmed hat.
- Jewellery should comply with OH&S standards relevant to the classes the student will be participating in.
- The student Dress Code, will be updated through school council and made available in the school website.
- School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- Parents/Carers seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to School Council for consideration.

Accessories:

Bags are not to be taken to class. They are to be left in the locker or locker area.

Sunscreen:

All students should wear sunscreen and hats in the summertime and bring a drinker. (See Sunsmart Policy)

Physical Education

Students are to take the following to all PE classes:

- WSC maroon polo top*
- Plain black or navy shorts or track suit pants (minimal stripes on the side are allowed)
- Runners (Skate shoes or school shoes are not acceptable)
- Hat (at least term 1 & 4)
- Drinker with water is advised (at least term 1&4)
- Long hair is to be tied back
- PE book, pens, other relevant classroom materials
- Optional: sunglasses and towel when appropriate

*If unable to participate fully, students are to bring an explanatory note from a parent/carer.

If students cannot wear the full PE uniform, alternative sports gear can be worn for that lesson, with an explanatory note from a parent/carer.

Sport

Interhouse Competition

For interschool athletics and cross country inter house events:

Navy or black shorts

A top that is predominantly the house colour (Borong-blue, Henty-yellow, Wimmera-maroon)

Interschool Competition

For interschool athletics and cross country:

WSC PE Uniform. WSC singlets are also available to borrow from the college.

Each sport has a regulation uniform. Where a WSC team uniform is required, the college will issue uniforms. For other events, eg cricket, students are to bring their own appropriate uniform.

Evaluation: This policy will be reviewed every 3 years.

Ratified by School Council

Date: February 18th 2020

Signed

Principal:



School Council President:

