WILLOWBANK
PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT DRESS POLICY

RATIONALE

A school uniform 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. Equality, health and safety are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the school uniform policy.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all students at Willowbank primary school, and aims to:

- promote equality and inclusiveness for all students.
- further develop a sense of pride, connectedness and identification with our school.
- provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
- develop a sense of responsibility for personal belongings and appearance.

POLICY

- The school uniform applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions, representing the school or engaged in school activities out of hours.
- Our uniform includes a range of garments suitable for different seasons, student comfort and preference.
- Students are required to wear runners or black leather shoes.
- Clothing items such as stockings, socks and long sleeve under garments should be white or navy blue only.
- Headwear worn for cultural or religious reasons should be in neutral colours.
- All hair accessories (hair ties, scrunchies, bows or headbands) should be navy blue, white or teal.
- A broad brim sun smart hat must be worn outside in terms 1 and 4.
- Beanies, scarves, and gloves can be worn during cooler months but should be aligned with the school uniform colours.
- Watches and stud or sleeper earrings are the only appropriate jewellery to wear at school. Cultural or religious jewellery can be worn under clothing.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics should not be worn to school.
- The school uniform policy, details of uniform items and information about process for purchasing uniforms will be published in the school newsletter at the start of each year and included in new student enrolment information packs.
- Arrangements can be made through our leadership team to subsidise uniforms via State Schools Relief and through school initiatives (e.g., second-hand uniform) for families requiring support.

- Parents seeking exemptions to the school uniform due to religious beliefs or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the school leadership team for consideration.
- Any changes to the school uniform will only be made after community consultation and approval from School Council.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the School uniform, in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	2021
Consultation	School Council
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	2026

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Willowbank Primary School on 03 5460 1122.