



WoodLinks Dress Code Policy



Relevant Legislation and Policy

This policy has been developed in accordance with the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Sections 360-363, Section 282) and the Department of Education, Training and Employment's policy: Student Dress Code. It clearly explains and documents the standards of acceptable dress at WoodLinks State School. The WoodLinks Dress Code is endorsed by the P&C Association on 2nd December 2015..

DRESS CODE STATEMENT

WoodLinks State School is a full-uniform school. Under the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, a Principal may develop a dress code to apply when students are attending or representing the school.

The following Student Dress Code clearly explains and documents standards of acceptable dress within WoodLinks State School.

The school uniform is advocated by the school community for the following reasons:

- Ready identification of students and non-students at school promoting student safety;
- Promotes the WoodLinks values of Be a Learner, Be Respectful, and Be Safe;
- It develops and fosters mutual respect among students through minimizing visible evidence of economic or social differences;
- It gives students a sense of personal pride in their own appearance;
- The link between dress standards, school discipline and academic success;
- Fosters a sense of belonging to the wider WoodLinks community;
- Promotes sun safety;
- Develops mutual respect among students and the wider community.

The school urges all parents to support the accepted standard of dress by ensuring their students follow the dress code policy as outlined below.

DRESS CODE POLICY

Uniform

1. Uniform items are to be purchased in the WoodLinks uniform shop. Shorts/skorts must be worn with the school polo shirt.
2. School uniforms will be worn on all occasions including the school bucket hat and recommended footwear. (Refer Appendix 1)
3. The school bucket hat is to be worn when students are playing outside or participating in sport or physical education. (no caps will be allowed)
4. Socks are to be clearly visible, white ankle socks (not footlet socks).
5. Jumpers can be purchased from the Woodlinks uniform shop or must be the colour navy (plain with no logo or writing on it). Tracksuit pants in navy can be worn in winter. No other colours will be accepted.
6. Sports uniforms can be worn on specific sports day. Eg junior and senior sports days, Friday for years 4-6 and a day to be decided in 2016 for P-3. P-3 students do not require a sports uniform until sports day. If parents choose to purchase the sports uniform, students will be required to wear this sports uniform on the designated day.
7. Bike pants are not allowed to be worn at any time.
8. Navy blue tights can be worn in winter under shorts/shorts.
9. Leggings or tights are not to be worn on their own as this is not part of the WoodLinks uniform code.
10. Navy scarves can be worn in winter.
11. WoodLinks understands and accepts that some religions have specific dress requirements. Parents must seek advice from the Principal of what is acceptable as part of the Dress Code.

(Refer to Appendix 1 for acceptable uniform items)

Shoes

Due to Workplace Health and Safety regulations students' footwear must provide adequate protection and cover the entire foot. Footwear selection must also take into account the health benefits of growing children wearing supportive footwear to minimize future health risks.

Students must wear either:

- Black, fully enclosed, cleanable leather or leather look shoes with black laces;
- Black fully enclosed cleanable leather or leather look shoes with Velcro fasteners;
- White, or close to white leather or leather look shoes with laces or Velcro.
(this includes joggers or sports shoes)

The following items are unacceptable:

- Shoes with coloured trims or logos, canvas lace up shoes, canvas shoes without laces, slip on shoes of any style or colour, regardless of whether they are black or not or footwear that does not cover the entire foot.
- Boots that come above the ankle, whether they are black leather or not;
- WoodLinks State School has strict expectations and requirements concerning appropriate and regulated footwear. WoodLinks State School reserves the right to make judgements on the acceptability or otherwise of footwear and will not enter into further discussion on decisions made in this regard.
(Refer to Appendix 1 for further information on appropriate footwear)

Jewellery

- One earring (plain studs or sleepers) per ear for pierced ears. Studs are to be no larger than 5mm in diameter. Sleepers are to be no larger than a 5 cent piece;
- One wrist watch;
- Items required for identification of medical conditions;
- Religious or cultural necklaces may be worn out of sight;

No other accessories are to be worn.

- The above jewellery standards apply to any occasion during or out of school hours including, but not limited to, where a student is at WoodLinks State School, representing the school in any way, dressed in the WoodLinks uniform including uniforms for various sporting, extra-curricular or other programs where WoodLinks is represented by the student, or school is on display in the community.

Hair and Makeup

All students at WoodLinks are to be well groomed and the following must be adhered to:

- Hair must be neat, clean, tidy and maintained to a presentable standard;
- Long hair (longer than shoulder length) is to be tied back due to Workplace Health and Safety policies; (tracks are not permitted, parents will be required to discuss this with the Principal)
- It is unacceptable for hair to be coloured or dyed a 'non-natural' colour. Students will be asked to recolour to a more natural colour at their own expense;
- Students may wear hair ribbons or clips in the WoodLinks colours. (navy, jade, burnt orange or white) All other accessories are not permitted. These include but are not limited to bandanas, beanies (with the exception in winter where a navy beanie can be worn), bright coloured headwear;
- Eyeliner, eye shadow, mascara, and other heavy makeup is not permitted;

- Coloured nail polish and nail patterns are not permitted, including false nails or nail attachments.

Students may be asked to remove excess makeup and coloured nails and nail polish.

The school will not be held liable for any damages for student or parents personal items whilst on school premises or at a school activity.

Students unable to wear an item of the uniform for good reason must bring a note and follow the procedures below:

Prep to Year 6

Students unable to wear an item of the correct uniform must comply with the following procedures:

- Report to the office with their parent, to discuss out of uniform issue with the Principal or Deputy Principal;
- Teachers note the uniform breach and send the student to the office with a uniform breach slip;
- Students provide a note from parents explaining the uniform breach and the period for which this will exist;
- Where possible, contact will be made with the parent/guardian to negotiate a solution to the uniform breach;
- Where the student's dress is deemed appropriate, the student will be issued with a signed uniform slip indicating that they have followed procedures which will indicate length and reason for the uniform breach;
- Incorrect uniform items may be confiscated for the day by a member of administration in consultation with the parent/guardian.

**Noncompliance with Dress Code – Education (General Provisions) Act 2006
Section 362 of the Act**

- (1) If a student of a State school does not comply with a dress code for the school's students, developed under section 360, the school's principal may only impose one of the following sanctions—
- a. detention of the student for a period mentioned in section 283(3);
 - b. prevent the student from attending, or participating in, any activity for which the student would have been representing the school;
 - c. prevent the student from attending, or participating in, any school activity that, in the reasonable opinion of the school's principal, is not part of the essential educational program of the school.

APPENDIX 1

The Dress Code Policy and Procedures will be reviewed throughout the course of the year. Any changes to the Dress Code policy will be endorsed by the Parents and Citizens Association.

WoodLinks examples included here.

