



Woongoolba State School

Student Dress Code

2025-2026

Section 1: Student Dress Code

1. The student dress code consists of an agreed standard and items of clothing that students wear when:
 - a) Attending or representing their school
 - b) Travelling to and from school and
 - c) Engaging in school activities out of school hours.
2. The student dress code provides clothing that aims to contribute to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:
 - a) Ready identification of students and non-students at school;
 - b) Fostering a sense of belonging; and
 - c) Developing mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences.
3. The student dress code reflects school community standards and are consistent with occupational health and safety and anti-discrimination legislation and the Sun Safety Strategy.
4. The student dress code clearly explains and documents standards of acceptable or reasonable dress in relation to:
 - a) Clothing worn by students, including headwear and footwear; and
 - b) Other aspects of personal presentation of students.
5. Woongoolba State School is a uniform school. The P&C Association has authorised the Principal (and delegates) to enforce student dress code standards under the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 Section 360-363. The P&C believe that the **Student Dress Code** promotes:
 - a) A safe environment for learning by enabling ready identification of students and non-students at school
 - b) An effective teaching and learning environment by eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at the
 - c) school
 - d) A supportive environment at the school by fostering a sense of belonging;
 - e) A mutual respect among individuals at the school by minimising visible evidence of socio-economic differences
 - f) A positive presentation to the school community

Section 2: Uniforms

1. The school and its P&C Association expects that all students will wear full and correct school uniform at all times. School uniform is considered to be acceptable dress and it is comfortable and designed for sun safety.
2. The school has an approved uniform, which is detailed in the *Enrolment Package*. This uniform includes the 'Year 6 Shirt' available to all Year 6 students.
3. School uniforms:
 - a. Add positively to school tone and presentation
 - b. Reduce costs of purchasing casual and designer clothing improve safety as students in uniform are more readily identifiable than those in street clothes
4. Inappropriate or unacceptable dress, as defined under School Dress Code SMS-PR-022 in the Education Policy and Procedures Register refers to clothing or apparel that a student wears that is, or could be deemed to be:
 - a) Offensive
 - b) Likely to disrupt, or negatively influence, the normal operation of the school;
 - c) Not regarded as sun safe
 - d) Likely to result in a risk to the health of the students or others
5. Unacceptable items of clothing may include:
 - a) Halter tops, mid-riff tops, excessively short skirts, singlet style tops, excessively large clothing, brief style shorts, bicycle pants
 - b) Beach wear or other 'fashion' wear considered to be inappropriate, e.g. T-Shirts with offensive or objectionable graphics and/or print. (See Section 2.8)
 - c) Thongs, open sandals. (These may be allowed if feet are injured in some way and parents have notified school)
 - d) Graffiti and autographs on school clothing
 - e) Visors and caps. Hats must be worn on the student's head so that their face is protected from the sun. Beanies cannot be used for sun protection.
 - f) Make up and coloured fingernail polish.
 - g) Hair coloured or dyed. (eg. Blue, green, yellow, red, blond, black etc.)

- h) Any item that, in the opinion of the Principal, is unsafe or will cause undue comment or attention.
- 6. Dark coloured bike pants are allowed for sports, but students must wear bottle-green skirt/skorts/shorts over their bike pants until the sporting activity begins.
- 7. Students must also be wearing school uniform before being allowed to:
 - a) leave the school for an excursion (See Section 11)
 - b) participate in school photos
- 8. Casual and trendy clothes (including jeans, coloured jackets, T-Shirts under school shirts, non-uniform coloured shorts or skirts, boxer shorts protruding over school shorts, caps under hats, and board shorts etc.) must not be added to or substituted for official uniform.

Section 3: Jewellery

1. School dress standards should ensure the health and safety requirements of students. For this reason, jewellery (other than the acceptable items below) and similar accessories should not be worn. Limiting jewellery also restricts the distraction of competition in fashion at school and minimises visible evidence of economic, class and social difference.
 - a) Acceptable items of jewellery include:
 - Watch (school suggests inexpensive watches)
 - Earrings: stud or sleeper style earrings (in the earlobes only, no other part of the body)
 - b) Unacceptable items include:
 - Bracelets, wrist bands etc
 - Necklaces, chains
 - Expensive items
 - Visible body piercings
2. Additional notes:
 - a) During swimming season or inter-school sport, jewellery should not be worn at the pool or matches.
 - b) Medical alerts and items of religious/cultural significance need to be brought to the attention of the Principal for special consideration and must comply with safety provisions. Parents must apply in writing for permission and receive approval before these items are worn.

Section 4: Footwear

1. Children should wear correctly fitting covered protective **completely black shoes without coloured branding, laces, markings or soles** at all times unless permission has been given to remove them.
2. No coloured footwear, high heel dress shoes, sandals, thongs etc) are permitted.
3. White socks that sit just above the ankle (crew length) should be worn at all times
4. Sports boots with studs (football, soccer boots etc) are not permitted. Students participating in interschool sport may wear appropriate boots if applicable during the game.
5. Footwear may be deemed to be inappropriate if, in the opinion of the Principal, it falls under the definition of inappropriate dress outlined in DETA's SMS-PR-022: Student Dress Code in Education Policy & Procedures.

Section 5: Hair

1. Long hair should be neatly tied back. Long hair in the eyes can interfere with learning.
2. Hair should be free of intrusive or brightly coloured accessories. Hair ties in black, white, green or gold are appropriate)
3. Hair should not be artificially coloured so that, in the opinion of the Principal, it will cause unnecessary comment and attention.
4. Hair should be styled in a way that does not draw undue attention to it.

Section 6: Other items

1. Make-up, nail polish or temporary or permanent tattoos are not permitted.
2. Skin should not be marked with pen, felt pen or paint markings (See also 13.1)
3. Expensive items of clothing or jewellery should not be brought to school
4. Winter uniform: zip front fleecy jumper (with logo), bottle green track pants. If wearing a non-school jumper, a bottle-green unhooded jumper is also acceptable. **No hoods** are to be worn.

Section 7: **Swimming**

Swimming is a part of the school curriculum and as such, pupils will not be excused from lessons unless there are medical reasons. In such circumstances, written notification from parents for exclusion from swimming is required. Please ensure your child brings their swimming items to school on the correct days.

1. Togs should not be worn to school under other clothes.
2. Bikinis and other similar swimming costumes, which may be revealing are unacceptable.
3. Parents should consider sun safety when choosing suitable swimming costumes. Sun shirts are essential.
4. Jewellery is to be removed before swimming lesson. Earrings, which cannot be removed, should be taped.

Section 8: **School hats**

1. Woongoolba State School is a sun smart school.
2. Wide-brimmed or bucket hats must be worn at all times when students are outside at activities such as PE or sport or play breaks. The school rule of No hat = undercover play is widely explained.

Section 9: **Sport uniforms**

1. All students must wear the full and correct team sports uniform before participating in interschool sport on or off campus.
2. Students who are required to leave the school grounds to participate in interschool sport will not be permitted to leave unless wearing the correct uniform.
3. Where team attire such as jerseys or sports team shirts is provided by the school for the match, students should wear their school uniform to school and change into and from the team attire.

Section 10: **School excursions / special events**

1. Students must wear full school uniform when they participate in a school excursion. Prior to the excursion teachers will ask students to show that they have full school uniform (Pre-Excursion Uniform Check).
2. Parents will be notified if students do not have full school uniform.

Section 11: **Free dress days**

Students may wear appropriate free dress on official Free Dress Days. The school will provide written notification to parents of Free Dress Day. While students are able to attend school in non-uniform items, hats, footwear and appropriate sun smart clothing is expected to be worn.

Section 12: **General appearance of uniforms**

1. School uniforms must be devoid of:
 - a. autographs
 - b. pen markings
 - c. stains or soiled matter
2. Uniforms and shoes must be correctly fitted
3. Students whose uniforms become damaged may borrow from the school supply of uniforms for that day. These items should be washed and returned on the following day.

Section 13: **Managing the dress code at school**

If a student is inappropriately dressed, the Principal or nominee may:

1. Offer or provide appropriate items from the bank of uniforms for borrowing
2. Take action that prevents risk to the student or others, or action that maintains the normal operations of the school
3. Inform the student's parents or carers to prevent recurrence
4. Implement a process of conflict/resolution or mediation consistent with SMS-PR-022: School Dress Code EPPR. If a student continues to disregard the dress code and refuses to follow the Principal's directions, the student's actions will be considered non-compliance and normal procedures consistent of the Code of School Behaviour will be implemented. SMS-PR-022:School Dress Code EPPR