

# School Uniform Policy

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## PURPOSE

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- To create a distinctive, attractive, practical mode of dress in the school colour of maroon.
- To create and promote a sense of belonging to Werribee Primary School. A means of identification, particularly during school excursions, sporting activities, etc.

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## BROAD GUIDELINES / AIMS

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- School Council requires that students wear the official school uniform.
- Sports uniform will be compulsory at sporting competitions.
- Wearing of school uniform will be required on excursions and outings where appropriate, and instructions for uniform to be worn will be included on written notifications of impending excursions and outings.
- Consistent failure to wear school uniform will incur consequences. (In the case of sporting competitions and excursions pupils will not participate.)
- When student does not comply with the uniform options, his/her parents or guardians will be contacted and provided with a copy of the uniform requirements. This letter will seek their support of school policy and explain avenues of assistance available.
- The school has available a Uniform Shop of second hand uniform articles, and will use the services of State Schools' Relief in appropriate circumstances.
- The only acceptable earrings are small sleepers or studs.
- Makeup and colored nail polish is not acceptable for school.

### OFFICIAL UNIFORM GARMENTS FOR WERRIBEE PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### GENERAL UNIFORM

Shorts :	Unisex, rugby knit, maroon Grey
Polo Shirt :	Maroon
Long Sleeve Polo :	White
Skivvy :	Maroon or White
Windcheater :	Maroon
Rugby Top:	Maroon (blue stripe)
Tracksuit :	Maroon
Drill Pants :	Grey / Maroon
Kilt / Pinafore :	Maroon check
Dress	Maroon and white check
Shoes :	Must be comfortable, practical and appropriate to the weather. No thongs or open toe scuffs/sandals.
Socks / tights :	Grey, school colours or white

#### SPORTS UNIFORM

Shorts :	Maroon
Polo Shirt :	Maroon
Netball Skirt :	Maroon (Netball skirts are not to be worn to school as uniform.)
Runners	

#### OPTIONAL ITEMS

Raincoat:	Maroon
Scarf :	Maroon

**Hats** Legionnaire Slouch or Bucket hats during Term 1 & 4.

Exemptions may be granted upon application to the principal where :-

- an aspect of the policy offends a religious belief held by the student or parents.
- an aspect of the policy prevents the student from complying with a requirement of his/her ethnic or cultural background.
- the parents of the student can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the policy.
- the student has a particular health condition or disability that requires the policy to be departed from.
- Note from parents explaining why student is out of uniform.

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## IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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- School uniform is compulsory.
- School uniform hats / caps will be required to be worn outside during term 1 and term 4. (no hat , no play)
- Year six students may purchase and wear as part of their uniform “The Class of -- Bomber Jacket” which will be available by ordering early in the school year.
- Students new to the school will be allowed three weeks in which to comply with the Dress Code.
- The school has available a Uniform Shop and a second hand uniform shop, the school will use the services of State Schools' Relief in appropriate circumstances.

### EXEMPTIONS

#### Grounds for seeking exemptions:-

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- an aspect of the policy prevents the student from complying with a requirement of his/her ethnic or cultural background.
- the parents of the student can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the policy.
- the student has a particular health condition or disability that requires the policy to be departed from.

#### Procedures for seeking exemptions :-

- Parents contact the principal and state on what grounds they wish to seek exemption and complete a proforma application for exemption.
- Evidence from other sources may be submitted in writing to support the request for exemption.
- Requests for exemption will be treated in the strictest confidence.

#### Granting of exemptions :-

- This will be the sole responsibility of the principal.
- The principal will treat each application on its merits and consider what kind of exemption or modification of the Dress Code requirements may be appropriate.
- Decisions made will be conveyed to the parent / guardian in writing.
- A summary of applications for exemption and decisions made will be reported to School Council at the following School Council meeting.

#### Enforcement of Dress Code

- When student does not comply with the uniform options, his/her parents or guardians will be contacted and provided with a copy of the uniform requirements. This letter will seek their support of school policy and explain avenues of assistance available.
- Students NOT wearing School Uniform will be excluded from excursions and inter school sporting competitions.
- Students not complying with uniform requirements concerning headgear will remain indoors during recess and lunchtimes for Term 1 and Term 4.

#### Communication

- The School Council Policy Statement on Dress Code will be publicised at the beginning of each year.
- Copies of the policy will be given to all new enrolments.

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## EVALUATION

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A review of the Dress Code will be conducted at future times at the discretion of School Council.