



WESTGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 5365

STUDENT DRESS CODE

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Westgrove Primary School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Westgrove Primary School's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Westgrove primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Westgrove Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair.
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name.
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden or navy blue in colour.
- Appropriate footwear must always be worn and for safety reasons open toed footwear, thongs, high heels and skate shoes are prohibited.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the dress code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health conditions or economic hardship must do so through the school Principal.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

Consistent with the School Sun-Smart Policy, Sun-Smart hats must be worn outside from the beginning of September to the end of April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Westgrove School Uniform is available for purchase at Rushford's School Wear in Werribee. Some second-hand uniforms are also available from school.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Assistant Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

IMPLEMENTATION

Westgrove Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Westgrove Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, please contact the school.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Westgrove Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

REVIEW CYCLE

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council on 10/03/2020 and is scheduled for review in March 2023.

APPENDIX A: WESTGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

The Westgrove Primary School

Uniform consists of:

Boys & Girls

- Navy blue track pants (no piping, motifs or writing)
- Emerald green polo with contrasting blue stripes on collar
- Bomber Jacket (emerald green and navy)
- Navy windcheater
- Navy blue shorts (no piping or writing)
- Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Shoes - preferably black or brown school shoes or pull on school boots or runners are permitted school wear
(No open toe, high heels or skate shoes)
- Socks - white, navy
- Headwear – navy, navy sun smart hats- soft bucket style

- Navy Blue skort (no netball skirts)
- Summer dress in school material
- Winter skirt / tunic in school material
- Navy blue leggings only to be worn under dresses
- Hajib (where required) –navy or white

Sports Uniform

- Emerald green polo
- Navy shorts or skort
- Navy track pants
- Sports shoes

****All windcheaters, rugby jumpers, bomber jackets and polo shirts should be printed with the school logo**