

Dress Code Policy



**Wellard
Village**

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Purpose

Our Dress Code outlines the standards expected of students and plays an important role in promoting a positive image of our school. Our Dress Code supports all students to participate actively in school life. It also helps us to create a sense of identity and a school culture in which every student experiences a sense of connection and belonging. Our school uniform has specifically been designed to embody our school mission of “creating a connected and inclusive community”.

This policy has been developed in consultation with the WVPS School Board and in accordance with the Department of Education’s “Dress Codes for Students in Public Schools Policy”.

Our Logo (embroidered onto our uniform)

The Wellard Village Primary School logo was born to incorporate the culture surrounding our community. The hexagons within the design are united to reflect our mission to create a connected and inclusive space for learning.

The architecture of our hexagons acts like that of a beehive, where all the bees work together to ensure the success of all. The integrated pattern of the hexagons shows a collaborative approach of our staff who will work together for all students at Wellard Village Primary School.

The differing shades of colour seen in the hexagons reflect the many layers of diversity in our school; culturally, linguistically, and academically. To ensure our brand stands the test of time, we have drawn inspiration from the “Busy Bees” artwork installation that will be a focal point within our school.

The single marigold hexagon breaking away from the group represents a child who has grown and become independent with the courage and confidence to move away from the group and on to the next step in their educational journey. It demonstrates how all our students will thrive, learn, and grow as a result of the nurtured, encouraging environment, and the education provided at Wellard Village Primary School.

Deeper in the logo we have the overlapping and connected initials of our name which recognises the influence we have on each other. The interwoven W and V alludes to our vision of being a united community forged from powerful relationships. The letters slice through the hexagons and break out of the beehive stamping our children’s emerging futures and our motto “building the minds of tomorrow”.

Our Uniform:

Our school uniform colours are charcoal, wattle and marigold.

- School polo shirt with logo
- School microfibre jacket with logo
- Reversible bucket hat with logo (includes toggle and pocket)
- Team shirt with school logo
- Charcoal shorts- mid thigh, loose fitting walk short (universal, non-school logo)
- Charcoal skort- mid thigh, loose fitting (skirt with inbuilt pants, non-school logo)
- Charcoal tracksuit pants (universal, non-school logo)
- Charcoal leggings that are opaque and full length to the ankle (universal, non-school logo) may be worn, but should be paired with a long school polo that sits at mid-thigh or a pair of skorts.
- Footwear – shoes, sneakers, or sandals with a toe cover and ankle strap. All footwear needs to be appropriate for outside play, physical activity, and sport. It is also important that footwear is age appropriate, and that the student can independently put their shoes on and off. Velcro is recommended in Kindergarten.

We ask that parents/carers please ensure that they clearly label all clothing with your child’s name.

Wet Weather Clothing

Appropriate rainwear is acceptable for outside wear at play times only, this is not inclusive of umbrellas. Children will be able to bring gum boots in winter to change into at play times, should they wish.

Team Shirts

At Wellard Village Primary School, we have 4 teams in which students will belong to for a variety of intra school events, carnivals, and activities. Our 4 teams include:

- Wardarn (Ocean) Blue- this team is named in reference to Kwinana Beach and our “she sells seashells artwork”.
 - Marlak (Bush) Red- this team is named in reference to the bush area at the back of our school.
 - Binjar (Swamp) Green- this team is named in reference to the Leda Swamp in our local intake area.
 - Djarlma (Forest) Purple- this team is named this was chosen in reference to the Tuart Forest our school site is on.
- Students will be allocated a team when they enrol at our school.
 - Children who are in the same family will be in the same team.
 - Students will be able to wear team shirts on designated days (E.g., Fitness Friday), athletics events, any other events where they are representing their team and for team rewards.

Acceptable Accessories

- Hair accessories (school colours preferred).
- Small stud earrings or small sleepers, watches.
- Culturally significant clothing items.

Hair that is shoulder length or longer must be tied back.

Items that are not acceptable, as part of our dress code

- Any items of black clothing.
- Denim items.
- Bike pants.
- Singlets, board shorts, clothing with hoods, brand logos or graphics.
- Additional decorative or valuable jewellery (for safety and security reasons).
- Thongs, boots, shoes with high heels/platforms, roller shoes or slip-on shoes without a back (except on medical grounds accompanied by a written note to class teacher).
- Make up and fake nails.

Casual Days and Special Events

Children will be encouraged to wear clothes and costumes outside of the school Dress Code on designated dress up days for special events. For example, Book Week, Harmony Day, Science Week, National Literacy Week.

Children will also be encouraged to participate in casual dress days that are held to support community fundraising activities. Students are able to wear casual clothing in accordance with our safety requirements that allow them to participate fully in daily activities. These days may be awareness raising or fundraising that require a gold coin donation.

Compliance

Staff will pursue a positive approach to the Dress Code, encouraging students to follow acceptable school directions. If a student's presentation does not comply with the Dress Code, staff will discuss the matter with the parent/carer (and/or student if appropriate). Students not following the dress code will not be permitted to attend excursions or represent the school at official school activities including choir, sporting, social and leadership events. A parent/carer wishing to have their child exempted from complying with the dress code with a valid reason should contact the Principal.

Responsibility

All families will receive a copy of the Dress Code and it will be included in the enrolment package. Acceptance of enrolment at this school assumes an agreement between the school, the family, and the enrolling student, that the student will dress within the guidelines of the school dress code. Issues of financial hardship may be discussed with the Principal.

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