

DRESS CODE POLICY

Williamstown Primary School requires that all students wear the dress code at school and on school excursions.

The wearing of a School Dress Code:

- promotes appropriate clothing for all school activities and opportunities for equal participation
- promotes a sense of belonging & pride in our school
- meets health & safety requirements (e.g. safe footwear, sun safety, no use of cords, drawstrings or toggles avoiding entrapment in play equipment.)
- enables teachers to readily identify students during school excursions and on the grounds
- reduces peer group pressure
- enhances our public image
- supports the transition of senior students to local High Schools where uniforms are required.
- promotes collaboration and commitment to each other and the wider school community.
- supports parents by being cost-effective and making it simpler and easier for students to get ready for school in the mornings.

Dress Code Items for All Students

Tops	Navy Blue polo or school custom polo shirts
Jumpers/Jackets	Navy Blue (plain or school logo)
Hats	Navy blue bucket hats
Pants	Navy blue or black track trousers (no denim)
Shorts	Navy blue or black (no denim)
Dresses	Blue & white check material in general school style dress
Footwear	Needs to be enclosed sneakers/school shoes or school sandals

**Motifs or logos, other than school logos, are not acceptable on items of dress code.
This includes sporting club and School Sports SA (SAPSASA) logos.**

If there is an occasion when your child is unable to wear the dress code, please provide a note of explanation.

It is a requirement that all children's dress meets a minimum standard to ensure that their health and safety is not at risk at school.

Footwear: Only footwear that provides adequate support must be worn. Thongs, heeled shoes or strappy or backless sandals are not acceptable.

Hats: Hats must provide shade for face, ears and the back of the neck. Appropriate, preferred 'bucket' style school hats are available from the front office for purchase. Hats are to be worn all year round as per our Sun Safe Policy. Navy beanies with a school logo can be worn outside during winter however they do not replace the recommended hats as above. School beanies are available for purchase from the Front Office.

Jewellery: The wearing of jewellery to school is not encouraged because of the hazard of hooking the jewellery during play. For safety reasons large, chunky jewellery, protruding piercings, rings, earrings and long neck chains (all of which represent a hazard to students) are not to be worn. Small studs or sleepers may be worn. Medical alert bracelets are acceptable.

Shirts/dresses: All items must cover the abdomen and shoulders and dresses and skirts should be at least mid-thigh length. For sun protection children must wear clothing with sleeves.

Shorts: All shorts must be mid-thigh length or longer. Denim is not acceptable.

Outerwear: During cooler months, we encourage children to wear navy/black rain jackets or windbreakers. Navy scarves and beanies (as mentioned above) are also acceptable to keep children warm in cooler weather outside. All these items must meet the health and safety requirements and allow students to participate in all school activities.

Makeup: The wearing of make-up and nail polish to school is inappropriate and students found wearing make-up or nail polish will be asked to remove it.

Hair: Hair is to be neat and tidy, off the face and tied up if below the shoulders in length. We encourage natural hair colour and discourage the colouring of hair, except for medical/cultural reasons or special celebrations e.g. Sports Day, Crazy Hair Day etc.

Accessories: Hair ribbons, hair ties, headbands, headwear (for cultural reasons), scarves etc. are to be in school colours and must meet the health and safety requirements and allow students to participate in all school activities.

Year 6 Commemorative Garments: Year 6 students have an option of ordering Commemorative Garments. Pre-planning for the style of garments and printing occurs with the Year 5 students at the end of the school year prior to Year 6.

Sports Day: Team colours are encouraged on Sports Day but clothing must cover the abdomen, shoulders and neck. Hats must be worn.

Casual Days: On casual days students are able to wear non-uniform clothing. Clothing and shoes worn on these days must be appropriate for school, learning and play. Clothing must cover the abdomen, shoulders and neck while shorts and skirts must be mid-thigh length or longer. Clothing with socially, racially offensive or drug-related words or logos are not to be worn. Clothing with company logos is not suitable for school wear.

The Dress Code of the school is regularly reviewed and ratified by the Governing Council, as representatives of the whole school community.

This policy has been informed by:

[HAZARD ALERT HA39 – CORDS, DRAWSTRINGS AND TOGGLE ENTRAPMENT](#)

[Cancer Council SA SunSmart Policy Guidance](#)

[Kidsafe SA](#)

Policy Dates			
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