



Student Dress Code 2025-2028



**Aligned with
DOE/WESS Student Code of Conduct**



School Vision:

Empower a generation to positively impact the world.

School Mission:

Children who are leaders of their own learning, who are self-regulated, kind, generous and respectful, excelling at learning and exceeding at life, embracing an enduring love for learning.



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Student Dress Code

The West End State School “*Student Dress Code*” provides guidance to our school community on the agreed uniform and standards for student personal presentation.

The uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils a strong sense of belonging within the West End State School community, and assists in developing pride in representing the school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the following *Student Dress Code*.

Any variation to the approved dress items must gain prior approval from the principal.

Aim

The aim is to:

- Promote equality amongst all students.
- Develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- Provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- Maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Benefits

West End State School believes as a school community that there are benefits in students following an agreed dress code. These benefits include:

1. **Appropriateness:** Guarantee that all students are dressed appropriately for all school activities.
2. **Safety:** Promote a safe environment for learning by enabling ready identification of our students in the school grounds; while travelling to and from school and on excursions.
3. **Equity:** Promote an effective teaching and learning environment by eliminating the distraction of competition between students to wear more expensive or fashionable clothing, and avoid the pressure on parents to purchase fashionable clothing.
4. **Expense:** To minimise the cost to families.

Endorsement

In line with the Education General Provisions Act 2006, staff, the School Council and the Parents and Citizen’s Association have endorsed the following *Student Dress Code* for all students.

West End State has a dress standard in relation to:

- Clothing worn by students, including headwear and footwear
- Students’ personal grooming and hygiene

The West End State School student dress code reflects school community standards and is consistent with occupational health and safety and anti-discrimination legislation.

Thank you in anticipation for your support in ensuring your children adhere to the school’s dress standards.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is on the West End State School campus and all items are only available from school.

The Uniform Shop operates: Monday – Thursday (<https://wesspandc.org/uniform-shop/>)




Additional hours will be advised during peak times.

Second hand uniforms may be purchased from the Uniform Shop, subject to availability.

School Uniform

Prep – Year 6 SCHOOL UNIFORM (Unisex)

Note: When selecting the size of uniform items, please ensure that they provide appropriate coverage and maintain personal dignity.





Item	Detail	Photo
Polo Shirt	Navy and sky blue panelled short sleeved, sublimated, polo shirt with school logo on left chest.	 
Shorts / Skorts	Unisex navy shorts with white WESS lettering at the bottom, right-hand side, with a zip pocket on the right side. A skorts option with white WESS lettering is also available.	
Hat	Reversible school and sports' house bucket hat with school logo and house name.	

Prep – Year 6 SPORTS' HOUSE POLO SHIRT (Unisex)




Baruga (Red)		Chullawong (Green)	
Navy and red panelled short sleeved, sublimated, polo shirt with school logo on left chest, and Baruga house logo on the back.		Navy and green panelled short sleeved sublimated, polo shirt with school logo on left chest, and Chullawong house logo on the back.	
Dungar (yellow)		Kurilpa (blue)	
Navy and yellow panelled short sleeved sublimated, polo shirt with school logo on left chest, and Dungar house logo on the back.		Navy and blue panelled short sleeved sublimated, polo shirt with school logo on left chest, and Kurilpa house logo on the back.	

Students will be able to wear their house shirts on the following days:



- Class physical education lessons
- Athletics, cross country and swimming carnivals
- Intra and inter-school sports' days
- other days designated by the principal

Prep – Year 6 FOOTWEAR		
Shoes	The only acceptable shoes are black school shoes and/or predominantly black sports joggers/trainers, with black or white laces. Hi-top and mid-cut shoes are not acceptable.	
Acceptable	Unacceptable	
	 <div>Mid-cutHi-top</div>	
Socks	Plain white socks are <u>preferred</u> , but black or navy blue socks are acceptable.	
Prep – Year 6 WINTER UNIFORM		
Item	Detail	Photo
Jacket and Tracksuit Pants	Navy and sky blue panelled jacket with front zip and school logo on left chest. Plain navy tracksuit pants.	
Undergarments	Plain long sleeve navy shirt and bottoms. These are to be worn under school uniform.	
Prep – Year 6 FREE DRESS DAYS		
Free Dress Days	The principal may designate <u>free dress days</u> . On these occasions, students are expected to wear clothing that is sun-safe, minimise skin exposure, and meets standards of decency.	

Prep – Year 6 MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Item	Detail	Photo
Library Bag	Prep – Year 4 only. School branded library bag.	
Hair Ribbon	White, navy or sky blue.	
Head Dress	Head dress e.g. hijab, turban (<i>cultural and religious customs only</i>) may be worn, <u>preferably</u> in school colours.	
Back Pack	School branded backpack is optional.	

Year 6 SENIOR POLO SHIRT (Unisex)

Item	Detail	Photo
Senior Polo Shirt (Year 6)	Option 1: Designated sublimated, school branded senior shirt.	
	Option 2: Designated sublimated, school branded senior shirt, with child's preferred given name and year on the back of the shirt.	

Expectations and Non-Compliance

STUDENT DRESS CODE		
SCHOOL STANDARD	PARENTS ARE ADVISED THAT	CONSEQUENCES/SANCTIONS
Girls and Boys Uniform <i>Students are required to wear the approved uniform daily.</i> ✓ <i>Sports uniform for physical education, sports days and any other days designated by the school.</i>	1. An explanatory note from a parent is required if a student is not wearing the correct uniform. 2. All students must wear the school uniform on all excursions. 3. Board or cargo shorts and jeans are unacceptable.	1. The following consequences will apply if a student does not comply with the dress code: ✓ Student will be given a verbal warning. ✓ Parents will be notified for consistent breaches of the dress code. ✓ Student referred to 'Switch Out'. 2. Unless otherwise notified, students participating in out of school activities (e.g. excursions, sport) must wear the appropriate school uniform. Non-compliance will result in non-participation in the off-campus activity due to safety reasons.
Jumpers and Jackets <i>Students are required to wear the approved winter uniform.</i>	1. An explanatory note from a parent is required if a student is not wearing the correct uniform. 2. All students must wear the school uniform on all excursions.	The following consequences will apply if a student does not comply with these guidelines: ✓ Student will be given a verbal warning. ✓ Parents will be notified for consistent breaches of the dress code. ✓ Student referred to 'Switch Out'.
Undergarments Ankle length navy tights and long sleeve shirts only	Any undergarments must not be worn over the school uniform or visible except for the school approved navy clothing.	The following consequences will apply if a student does not comply with this guideline: ✓ Student will be given a verbal warning. ✓ Parents will be notified for consistent breaches of the dress code. ✓ Student referred to 'Switch Out'.
Hats West End State is a sun safe school and adheres to the guidelines of the Queensland Cancer Society. <i>Students are required to wear the approved sun safe school reversible bucket hat.</i>	Baseball style caps are not permitted.	1. Students who do not have the appropriate sun safe hat will be excluded from activities in the sun. They will be required to stay in shade areas. 2. Students who do not have the appropriate sun safe hat will be ineligible to attend off campus activities in the sun.

SCHOOL STANDARD	PARENTS ARE ADVISED THAT	CONSEQUENCES/SANCTIONS
Footwear and Socks Enclosed shoes ensure maximum safety for everyone. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are required to wear the approved footwear. That is are fully enclosed. Predominantly black school shoes or sports joggers/trainers with black or white shoe laces. Plain white socks are preferred, although navy blue or black are acceptable. 	Multi-coloured, fluorescent-coloured sports shoes, socks or shoelaces are not permitted. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Shoes with high heels or platforms, thongs and slip-ons are unsafe and not permitted. Hi-top or mid-cut shoes are not permitted. Bright, multi-coloured socks are unacceptable. Footwear must be worn at all times unless the activity necessitates bare feet, or the activity prohibits footwear e.g. swimming 	The following consequences will apply if a student does not wear the appropriate footwear. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Student will be given a verbal warning. ✓ Parents will be notified for consistent breaches of the dress code. ✓ Student referred to 'Switch Out'.
Jewellery Students may wear the following approved items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watch. Small plain sleepers or stud earrings. Medical alert bracelet or necklace. Items of significant religious or cultural belief must be (worn under clothing). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Other jewellery may be unsafe and become caught in play equipment or come in contact with another student causing injury. Visible body piercing other than ears is not acceptable. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> A student wearing inappropriate jewellery will be required to remove the item and if necessary, give it to the teacher for safe keeping. Repeat offenders will be warned and the inappropriate item will be confiscated and parents are required to collect the item from the school.
Nail Polish / Make-up / Temporary Tattoos Students are not permitted to wear clearly identifiable nail polish, fake nails, cosmetic make-up or have temporary tattoos.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Temporary tattoos are not acceptable 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Students wearing coloured nail polish will be asked to remove it before returning to school the next day. Parents are contacted and requested to remove the make-up on their child. Students will be required to cover up the tattoo until it fully fades away.
Hair Conservative hairstyles and natural colour.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Long hair is to be tied back, braided or plaited. This will minimise the transfer of head lice. Extreme hairstyles (e.g., tracks, spikes, mohawks) or extreme colours (e.g., green, pink or purple rinses) are not permitted. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Students will be required to tie back long hair. Extreme hair styles and dyed hair will result in a breach and a referral to the 'Switch Out'.
Helmet Students riding bikes or scooters are required to wear a helmet.	All students riding to and from school are required to wear a secured bicycle helmet.	Students who fail to wear a helmet will not be permitted to ride their bicycle/scooter to school.
Free Dress Days	The P & C and the Student Council conduct free dress days throughout the	Students who blatantly disregard the free dress guidelines will be:

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	<p>year to raise funds for the school and for community projects.</p> <p>To participate in the free dress day students must observe the following guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing that meets the schools' sun safe policy. • Clothing that is modest and suitable for regular school activities. • Clothing that has no offensive or obscene language or messages. • Closed-in footwear. • No jewellery, make-up or fingernail polish that is contrary to the schools' dress code. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required to return home to change. • Remove offending jewellery items. • Withdrawn from non-curriculum school activities.

Consequences Of Non-Compliance

1ST Offense: Warning and Reminder.

2ND Offense: Dress Code Non-compliance breach note sent home.

3RD Offense: Referred to Deputy Principal – Parents are contacted by the Deputy Principal to discuss reasons and reinforce school expectations.

4TH Offense: Referred to Deputy Principal – Possible suspension (continuous non-compliance).

Notes

1. Non-compliance of the Student Dress Code associated with genuine financial hardship or medical issues or a disability will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The principal or their nominee is the sole authority in this matter.
2. Parents and Carers will be notified in writing if their child consistently breaches the school's student dress code.
3. This policy will be reviewed as part of the Department of Education and school review cycles.

Transitioning from Old School Uniforms

There will be a two-year transition period from January 2025 until December 2026, where the old school uniform will be permitted to be worn by all students (both current and incoming, for all year levels Prep – Year 6), including Senior Shirts. Please note: The intention of the transition period is that existing serviceable uniforms/shoes are acceptable to wear, but that any new items purchased during the transition period conform to the new Dress Code.

Related Document

- WESS Student Code of Conduct, found on the school website <https://westendss.eq.edu.au/our-school/policies>

Review

The School Council, in collaboration with the Executive Leadership Team, will review the Student Dress Code every four years, alongside the Student Code of Conduct, or whenever the Queensland Department of Education updates these policies.

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