

UNIFORM

PROCEDURES

Rationale:

- A Uniform Policy reinforces to students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, work, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Uniform Policy.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation:

- After consultation with the school community and the P and C, Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts has developed a Uniform Policy that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Uniform Policy applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
- Students will be encouraged to wear the black WHSPA cap. Caps are not to be worn indoors.
- The student Uniform Policy, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- The P and C requires that the Principal be responsible for the implementation of the Uniform Policy in a manner consistent across the school.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via Student Assistance for families experiencing economic hardship.
- The Uniform Policy and Uniform list will be published on the school website.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the School Principal for consideration.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

Checklist of Acceptable Standards of Uniform at WHSPA

SHOES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOTALLY BLACK: black uppers, black rims, no other visible colour, BLACK LACES, not coloured, not white • Parents please ensure that when you are purchasing shoes that they fully adhere to this standard, are appropriate to support growing feet and are water proof
SOCKS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White or black socks or plain black stockings • Leggings/tights are not acceptable (ie, stocking without feet) and can only be worn for Dance/PE/Drama lessons or under shorts or dresses/skirts • Socks or stockings must be worn regardless of the style of shoe purchased • All socks are to be clearly visible above the shoe line
SKIRTS/TUNICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be reasonable length, mid-thigh or longer, ie underwear must not be exposed when sitting • Parents will be contacted if this is an ongoing problem
JACKETS/JUMPERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school jumper and/or the school jacket/polar fleece are to be worn. Cardigans, non-school jumpers and jackets, even if they are black, are not appropriate • Students with a diagnosed wool allergy are to wear the school jacket or polar fleece
SCARVES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be worn, but are to be plain black • Coloured scarves are not acceptable
CAPS/HATS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caps can be worn • WHSPA hat can be worn outside
SHORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School grey shorts • Black shorts which clearly show the schools initials WHSPA • PE shorts are not to be worn as school shorts
PANTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long grey pants • WHSPA plain black pants • Non-WHSPA tracksuit pants of any colour are not acceptable • Jeans of any colour are not acceptable • School tracksuit pants on Sports Days (Terms 1 and 4) and everyday (Terms 2 and 3)
T-SHIRTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain WHITE only can be worn under school shirts • Coloured T-shirts or white T-shirts with patterns are unacceptable
SHIRTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shirt with school emblem with buttons done up
JEWELLERY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimalist, one bracelet, earrings no bigger than a \$2.00 coin