



WILLIAMSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Uniform Policy

1. PURPOSE

The Williamstown Primary School uniform gives every student a strong sense of belonging as a 'Willy Kid'. It reinforces pride in our school and instils recognition of being an integral part of our school community. We believe our school uniform aims to:

- develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school
- promote equality amongst all students
- create an identity for the school in the community
- assist in providing individual student safety and group security when travelling to and from school and on school excursions and activities
- enhances the positive image of the school in the community
- ensure the provision of durable, cost effective, practical and safe clothing for the school community.

2. SCOPE

This uniform policy applies to all students who attend Williamstown Primary School.

3. DEFINITIONS

School means Williamstown Primary School.

School uniform means the items listed as below, being acceptable uniform for the occasions indicated.

WPS Summer Uniform (Terms 1 & 4)	
Girls	Boys
Summer dress	
Skort (to be worn with polo shirt only)	
Polo shirt short sleeve – royal	Polo shirt – royal
Shorts	Shorts
Zip neck pullover	Zip neck pullover
Sun smart hat (mandatory for Term 1 & 4)	Sun smart hat (mandatory for Term 1 & 4)
Spray jacket	Spray jacket
WPS Winter Uniform (Terms 2 & 3)	
Girls	Boys
Tartan tunic /skirt	
Skivvy – white (for under tunic only)	
Tights – navy (under tunic or skirt only)	
Polo shirt long sleeve – royal	Polo shirt long sleeve – royal
Polo shirt short sleeve – royal	Polo shirt short sleeve – royal
Zip neck pullover	Zip neck pullover
Track pants – royal	Track pants – royal
Spray jacket	Spray jacket
Sun smart hat	Sun smart hat
Footwear	
Unisex	
Runners / trainers may be worn every day. Black leather school shoes are optional but not required.	
Sport / PE Uniform (ass seasons) - to be worn only on days when students participate in PE or Sport sessions	
Unisex	
Sport t-shirt – royal	
Sport shorts – royal	
Spray jacket	
Sun smart hat	
WPS track pants (royal)	

Special dress ups may be worn to celebrate special occasions, such as Book Week and other school-wide celebrations. Students' participation and support of team sport is encouraged and celebrated and students may wear their team jumper over their school uniform for Monday mornings only.

Special 'Year 6 Jumpers & T-Shirts' are designed and manufactured exclusively for Year Six Willy Kids. The school actively encourages students to wear these as an alternative to the zip neck pullover. Similarly, special T-shirts for our choir, rock band and other groups may be worn for participation in school organised events.

4. PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- It is the expectation of the Williamstown Primary School community that all students will wear full school uniform.
- The uniform at WPS takes into account, among other factors, the cost, quality of items, reliability of supply/supplier, re-use or recycling of items.
- Our school uniform is based on the traditional colours of royal blue and gold.
- It aims to be unisex.
- The supply of our uniform is convenient and cost-effective.
- The school will review the uniform regularly to ensure it reflects the values of the community and that there is a balance between rights of individual students and the whole school community.
- The school will communicate its Uniform Policy to new families upon enrolment.
- The uniform is available from the school or directly from our supplier or Double C Jeanery.
- Uniform order forms may be taken to Double C Jeanery, 2 Aviation Road, Laverton or submitted online at www.dcsuniforms.com.au and then delivered to the school on Fridays. There will be an approximately one-week turnaround for orders.
- The parent/guardian of all students will maintain clothing to an acceptable standard.
- Students will wear the required uniform items to school and to extra-curricular activities arranged by the school.
- All items of uniform must be clearly labelled.
- A supply of clothing is kept at school for emergencies or short-term loans.
- Students are expected to attend school wearing the full uniform every day. If students are not in uniform, an explanatory note from home must be forwarded to the classroom teacher. The school will always work closely with families to assist if they are having difficulties with uniform costs. This may be done via support through external agencies such as State Schools Relief, or via the supply of second-hand uniform.
- The parents of students who are out of uniform on a regular basis without an explanation will receive a phone call from the Principal Class team.
- Generally, students will not be excluded from activities for breaches of the uniform. However, when all other measures have had no success, a student may be excluded from events where students are representing the school such as when attending excursions or interschool sport.
- On the rare occasion that parents feel the need to seek an exemption to the uniform (for example, due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability or health conditions) an application must be submitted in writing to the school leadership team for consideration.
- Please refer also to the school's uniform items list.

References:

- <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/Management/Pages/dresscode.aspx>

5. REVIEW AND POLICY HISTORY

This policy is due for formal review in June 2023 although it may be changed at any time as required after discussion with School Council and the Principal or if guidelines change.

Policy History

Version Approval Date	Summary of changes	VRQA Requirement	DET Mandated Policy	School Council Input
November 2016	New Policy	No	No	Not required
June 2020	Update	No	No	Not required