

Woodmans Hill Secondary College

Woodmans Hill Student Dress Code



HELP FOR NON -ENGLISH SPEAKERS

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact Woodmans Hill Secondary College on 03 5336 7264 or woodmans.hill.sc@education.vic.gov.au.

Purpose

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Woodmans Hill Secondary College's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Woodmans Hill Secondary Colleges School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance.
- support Example School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.
- reduce costs to parents, over time uniforms are cheaper than casual clothing.
- uniforms remove the competitive element potentially involved in designer casual clothes.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities unless officially notified by Woodmans Hill Secondary College in writing.

UNIFORM AND APPERANCE

Woodmans Hill Secondary College's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Jewellery, nails, hair accessories and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely are not permitted.
- Students who wear braids or locs may wear them loose, except for applied technology classes where hair should be tied back for safety purposes.
- School uniform hats are recommended to be worn outside all year round, when the sun is shining. The school has multiple uniformed hat options for purchase, including a bucket hat and a cap.
- Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

UNIFORM RULES

Student who are out of uniform must:

- Bring a note of explanation indicating when they will be back in complete uniform
- Obtain a uniform pass before 9am on the day they are out of uniform.
- Borrow the school shared uniform if available and appropriate
- Students who are out of uniform (even with a note) may not comply with Health & Safety rules and therefore may be excluded from certain practical tasks

Please note, even when a student has a note for being out of correct uniform the school will attempt to put them in borrowed uniform for the day.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from:

Noone Crockers located at 4 Armstrong Street North Ballarat.

PSW located at 1013 Howitt Street, Wendouree.

The School Council has considered affordability in the development of this dress code. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform (ASU) program.

IMPLEMENTATION

Woodmans Hill Secondary College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students on our website. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible. The school has many ways that they can support families, to purchase and obtain school uniform. Please seek support from your child's home group teacher if you require assistance with uniforms.

EXEPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We acknowledge that there might be instances where the enforcement of this dress code could impact students differently.

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular financial hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents/carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT STUDENT DRESS CODE

Woodmans Hill Secondary College welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's Parent Complaint Policy.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's
- Reminders in our school newsletters
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Woodmans Hill Secondary College Parent Complaint Policy
- Woodmans Hill Secondary College Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	October 2026
Consultation	School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	September 2029

Appendix A

Woodmans Hill Secondary College Uniform items:

Item	Description	Logo style	Boys / Girls
Slacks	Charcoal Grey, Flat Front	No Logo	Girls
Trousers	Charcoal Grey, Flat Front	No Logo	Boys
Shorts	Charcoal Grey, Flat Front	No Logo	Boys
Pullover	Teal with Black/Charcoal Stripe	Logo	Boys & Girls
Blazer (optional)	Black with Teal/Charcoal Braid on coat edge	Logo	Boys & Girls
Tie (optional)	Teal, Charcoal Grey	No Logo	Boys & Girls
Soft Shell Jacket	Black Soft Shell	Logo	Boys & Girls
Dress	Charcoal/Teal/Black/White check with piping	No Logo	Girls
Shirt – Short Sleeve	White/Grey Stripe	Logo	Boys
Shirt – Long Sleeve	White/Grey Stripe	Logo	Boys
Blouses – Short Sleeve	White/Grey Stripe	Logo	Girls
Blouses – Long Sleeve	White/Grey Stripe	Logo	Girls
Winter skirt	Charcoal/Teal/Black Check skirt in Poly Wool	No Logo	Girls
Socks – Ankle 3 pack	Plain White	No Logo	Boys & Girls
Tights Columbine	Black	No Logo	Girls
Peak Hat	Black	Logo	Boys & Girls
School Bag (optional)	Black	Logo	Boys & Girls
Beanie	Black/Teal	Logo	Boys & Girls
Shoes	Black Leather “Polishable” lace up (see image below)	No Logo	Boys & Girls
Sports Uniform			
Rugby Top	Black/Teal/White	Logo	Boys & Girls
Sports Polo	Teal Polo with sublimated design	Logo	Boys & Girls
Sport Tracksuit Pants	Black	No Logo	Boys & Girls
Heavy Raincoat	Black	Logo	Boys & Girls
Sport Shorts	Black	No Logo	Boys & Girls
Sport Socks – 3 pack	White	No Logo	Boys & Girls

Appropriate



HAPE CLASS ONLY

Inappropriate

