



WESTMEADOWS PRIMARY SCHOOL

STUDENT DRESS CODE



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the Office on 9309 4350

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Westmeadows Primary School'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 Westmeadows Primary School's 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 Westmeadows Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

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.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Westmeadows Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Westmeadows Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches (excluding Smart Watches such as iwatches) are the only acceptable jewellery.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

Temporary body art is not permitted.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety. Tips or highlights are permitted; extreme colours are not permitted (i.e. pink, blue, orange etc.)

School uniform hats must be worn outside from 1st September to 30th April and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice. Please refer to the Sunsmart Policy for further information.

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.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from the Academy Store or they may order it directly from <https://westmeadows.academyuniforms.com.au/index.php?route=product/category&path=59>. Sun hats can be purchased at school.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or Assistant Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

Westmeadows Primary School *may have* uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

IMPLEMENTATION

Westmeadows Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, school newsletter and enrolment packs. Information is also available at the office. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

If circumstances prevail such that a student is unable to wear school uniform on any given day, **parents/guardians should communicate this to the class teachers in writing** indicating the likely duration that the student will be without a particular garment of uniform.

Pending no written explanation, the child will be requested to wear the uniform or provide a note of explanation the next school day. Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school, where available.

If school uniform is not worn and there is still no explanatory note, the **Principal** or **Assistant Principal** shall contact the parents/guardians to discuss the matter.

Measures taken by Westmeadows Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

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 economic 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 or delegate 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 or carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Westmeadows Primary School 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*, available on the school website.

COMMUNICATION

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

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

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Westmeadows Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Westmeadows Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Westmeadows Primary School 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	6/9/2021
Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ student representative groups – Junior School Council➤ parent groups➤ school council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	6/9/2025

APPENDIX A: WESTMEADOWS PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS



**ACADEMY
UNIFORMS**



Westmeadows Primary School Uniform
1st July 2021 – 31st Aug 2022 GST Inclusive

SHORT SLEEVE POLO	Size	4 – 22
	Price	\$35.50
LONG SLEEVE POLO	Size	4 – 22
	Price	\$35.50
HOODED ZIP JACKET	Size	4 – 22
	Price	\$45
BOMBER JACKET	Size	4 – 22
	Price	\$49
RUGBY TOP	Size	6 – XL
	Price	\$77
FLEECY PANT	Size	2 – 22
	Price	\$27
RUGBY KNIT SHORT	Size	4 – 22
	Price	\$21.50
SUMMER DRESS	Size	4 – 22
	Price	\$27.50
SUMMER SKORT	Size	4 – XL
	Price	\$27
WINTER PINAFORE	Size	4 – 22
	Price	\$54
WINTER SKIRT	Size	4 – 22
	Price	\$54
SCHOOL BAG		One Size
	Price	\$43.50
BOOK BAG		One Size
	Price	\$15
COTTON TIGHTS	Size	4-6 7-10 11-14
	Price	\$10
RAIN JACKET	Size	4 - XL
	Price	\$46
BUCKET HAT	Size	S M L XL
	Price	\$13

In Store at Academy Uniforms, Thomastown:

Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm Saturday: 9am – 12pm 238 Wolseley Place, Thomastown.
Phone: 9460 8011

Items not available at Deer Park or Springvale stores.

Accessories:

Skivvies (to be purchased at any retail outlet as ACADEMY does not carry this item).
Navy blue and or sky blue skivvies and the long sleeve Polo Shirt to be worn with winter tunic only.

Stockings

Navy stockings only to be worn with winter tunic. Leggings are not permitted.

Scarf

Royal blue, polar fleece

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

Headwear

Navy blue, green or white head bands, hair ribbons, “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

Hats – to be worn from mid-August to 30 April

Bucket Hat or Broadbrim with or without school logo

Sports uniform

Sky Blue polo top – Grade 5/6 Students ONLY