



# CARWATHA COLLEGE P-12

## STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Carwatha College P-12'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 Carwatha College P-12'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 Carwatha College P-12'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 Carwatha College P-12's compulsory school uniform items is available at Appendix A to this policy.

#### **General appearance**

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Carwatha College P-12 students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Winter shirts should be tucked in at all times
- Ties need to be worn neatly covering a fastened top button
- For students in Years 7 – 12 Blazers need to be worn while travelling to and from school
- For Primary students, sports uniform may be worn on days of Physical Education or Sports
- Socks are to be plain and must not have any logos
- Headscarves if worn should be plain black, burgundy, navy or white
- **SHOES**
  - **Boys** - Plain black polishable leather school shoes that have no decorative stitching, patterned leather or buckles. May be lace up or slip on - but no pointy, dress or fashion shoes.
  - **Girls** - Plain black polishable leather school shoes or School T-Bars only. No flat soles or fashion shoes.

- Boots, runners or sneakers are not to be worn.
- Primary students may wear sports sneakers when wearing their sport uniform to school
- Shoes must be sturdy and ensure safety. School shoes must have a low heel.
- Parents should not automatically assume that all footwear that is black and leather is acceptable

### **Jewellery and cosmetics**

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Make Up- If worn, should be light and tasteful. This includes artificial hair colouring (no bright colours). Nail polish should be clear or natural colours

### **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.

For Primary Students, school uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August (exact date to be set by the school annually) to 30 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. Secondary students – we expect students to take responsibility for being sun smart by wearing a school hat during outdoor activities or staying in the shade, if they are not wearing sunscreen.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

## **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS**

Uniform items can be purchased from the PSW shop at the college, or parents may order directly from PSW – see the PSW website for store locations and details.

Carwatha College P-12 parents can use the sustainable schools website to buy and sell second-hand uniform. This is not associated with the college and is done at parents own risk.

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Principal or wellbeing officer 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/>

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

Carwatha College P-12 will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website. 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 a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the year level co-ordinator (secondary) or classroom teacher (primary). If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Carwatha College P-12 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

Carwatha College P-12 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*.

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Carwatha College P-12 Sunsmart Policy
- Carwatha College P-12 Parent Complaint Policy
- Carwatha College P-12 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 2023
Consultation	School Council
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	October 2027

# APPENDIX A: CARWATHA COLLEGE P-12 UNIFORM ITEMS



## CARWATHA COLLEGE P-12

### PRIMARY UNIFORM 2018

#### SUMMER UNIFORM



1118002 Summer Dress



1101015 G/S Hip Skirt



1110265 Zip Pocket Shorts

#### WINTER UNIFORM



1100600 School Tie



1101055 L/S Shirt



1101152 L/S Jacquard Blouse



1105050 Wool Blend Jumper



1110400 Elastic Waist Pant



1114001 Winter Eco-Plaid Tunic

#### SPORTS UNIFORM



1111002 Micromesh Panel Polo



1101515 Sport Pants



1101510 Sport Shorts



1103250 Soft Shell Jacket

#### ACCESSORIES



2511050 - Up & Down Socks



2512000 - Turnover Knee Hi Socks



1400523 Mesh Bucket Hat



2513000 Gilet Tights



6901105 Back Pack



2510790 Cushion Foot Sock

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## YEAR 7-12 UNIFORM 2018

### WINTER UNIFORM

### SUMMER UNIFORM



1101142 G/S Jacquard Blouse



1101015 G/S Hip Shirt



1118009 Summer Dress



1113350 Freshwater Formal Shorts



1111927 Girls Formal Shorts

### SPORTS UNIFORM



1111933 Micromesh Panel Polo



1101510 Sport Shorts



1101515 Sport Pants



1101055 L/S Shirt



1101152 L/S Jacquard Blouse



1105050 Wool Blend Jumper



1114053 Expandable Pleat Pant



1111991 Expandable Tailored Pant



1114100 Winter Eco Pleat Skirt



1101825 Twill Blazer



1100990 School Tie

### ACCESSORIES



2511050 - Up & Down Socks



2512000 - Turnover Knee Hi Socks



1100593 Mesh Bucket Hat



2513000 Girls Tights



8301105 Deck Pack



2513793 Cushion Foot Sock