

Waikerie High School Dress Code Policy



Respect, Responsibility, Trust, Achievement, Community

In accordance with: The Education and Children's Services Regulations 2020 – 1.7.2021, Division 9 – Dress codes.

Why Have a Dress Code?

- It promotes a sense of belonging and pride in the school and the community.
- It gives Waikerie High School a unique identity.
- It creates a sense of equity for the students.
- It is practical in its application to a wide range of physical activities, technology classes and weather conditions.
- It ensures students observe health, safety and decency standards.
- It reduces social pressure to follow fashion trends
- It helps protect students by making them easily identifiable as members of our school community.
- It helps prepare students to respect dress codes for future employment.

The Waikerie High School Governing Council in consultation with staff, students and parents has approved the Dress code and expects compliance by students and support from parents and staff.

Implementation of the Dress Code:

While it is expected that students will comply with the Dress Code, the Principal may exempt students upon written request from a parent/caregiver. Adaptations to the uniform because of the following grounds will be accommodated wherever possible with the full support of the student's Home Group teacher:

- Religious, cultural or ethnic grounds
- Medical reasons supported by a doctor's statement
- Other grounds determined by the Waikerie High School Governing Council.

Compliance Obligations:

1. Any student not wearing full school uniform who:

- (a) Has a note of explanation from parent/caregiver will be expected to wear full uniform the next day.
- (b) Does not have a note of explanation from parent/caregiver: The Home Group teacher will communicate with the Parent/Caregiver on the same day. The student will be expected to wear full

uniform borrowed from the uniform shop. The uniform will be returned at the end of the school day to the front office.

- i. Students who do not comply with the expectations of wearing WHS Uniform will be assigned a designated area during break times.
2. Students who continue to be out of school uniform, without a note from the Parent/Caregiver, will be assisted by the Home Group teacher and family support to be in full uniform. Liaison and support intervention may occur with the relevant Assistant Principal, Principal or Governing Council Chairperson to further assist the student into full uniform.
3. Parents/Caregivers are asked to contact the school if there are extra-ordinary circumstances preventing students wearing the full school uniform.
4. All students on all formal school excursions will wear school uniform unless staff grants particular exemption. Exemptions will be described in the excursion letter to Parents/Caregivers.
5. All students will wear school uniform when accepting Awards, presenting at Assemblies, or learning in a Public area. The school will modify arrangements for students not in uniform.
6. Students who frequently do not follow the uniform code will be ineligible for extra-curricula activities. Teachers organising extra-curricula activities will check with Home Group teachers regarding non-uniform.

All items of the school uniform are available for purchase from the Waikerie High School Uniform Shop which is currently open on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8:30am – 9:00am. Any enquiries relating to uniform sales /availability can be directed to the Business Manager. Parents or community members with uniform policy issues may direct their concerns to a Uniform Committee member.

From time to time, following feedback from and liaison with parents, students and staff, the Uniform Committee will recommend changes to the Dress Code to the Governing Council for approval. Any changes recommended will be phased in and previously approved items will continue to be acceptable uniform and may be sold for up to 12 months following the approval of changes.

WAIKERIE HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE SCHOOL UNIFORM

School Colours: Bottle Green, Grey and White.

Girls Uniform:

Summer Dress: Bottle Green check WHS dress **(no shorter than 5cm above knee)**.

Skirt: Bottle green with white check pattern **(no shorter than 5cm above knee)**.

Trousers: Charcoal unisex relaxed fit long pants or long tailored pants purchased from the uniform shop. (NOT track pants)

Polo shirt: Bottle Green Collar, Bottle Green upper, Charcoal Grey lower, separated by white striping across the shirt. White WHS emblem over heart and bottle green panels on both sides under arms.

Rugby: Bottle green collar, bottle green upper with charcoal grey lower separated by white, bottle green and charcoal grey striping across the rugby.

Jacket: Black with WHS logo in white over heart. Long sleeves with cuffs and zippered front. Left and right side pockets.

Stockings: Black tights, stockings or black leggings (NO branding) with winter skirt for warmth.

Shorts: Mid grey mid-thigh to knee length tailored shorts purchased from the uniform shop. **(no shorter than 5cm above knee)**.

Boys Uniform:

Trousers: Charcoal unisex relaxed fit long pants or tailored long pants purchased from the uniform shop. (NOT track pants)

Shorts: Mid grey shorts purchased from the uniform shop.

Polo shirt: Bottle Green Collar, Bottle Green upper, Charcoal Grey lower, separated by white striping across the shirt. White WHS emblem over heart and bottle green panels on both sides under arms.

Rugby: Bottle green collar, bottle green upper with charcoal grey lower separated by white, bottle green and charcoal grey striping across the rugby.

Jacket: Black with WHS logo in white over heart. Long sleeves with cuffs and zippered front. Left and right side pockets.

Sports Uniform:

All students are expected to change into sports clothing for all practical physical education lessons. Black basketball shorts and WHS Phys Ed green polo shirts are expected to be worn. All students are expected to change back into normal full school uniform at the completion of the PE lesson. Students involved in representative sports e.g. Interschool Athletics, Knockout Sports will be issued with the appropriate sports uniform items.

Hats:

In line with DfE sun protection policy, Waikerie High School expects the wearing of hats that offer protection. Hats are obligated to be worn for all outdoor activities including Physical Education and Agriculture lessons. Hats are available from the Uniform Shop. Hats will be removed when indoors.

Jewellery and Cosmetics:

Jewellery should be minimal and inconspicuous.

Makeup should be discreet.

Footwear:

Lace up or sturdy enclosed shoes. (Obligatory for all technology laboratories and workshop areas)

Thongs, sandals, slides, UGG boots and moccasins (or similar) are NOT permitted.

Optional Items:

Year 12 Students will have the option of purchasing a year 12 polo and jumper.

Polo: Bottle green Collar, White upper, bottle green lower, separated by white, light grey striping across the shirt. Black WHS emblem on front left hand side and Student's first name on right hand side.

Jumper: Bottle green and grey Collar, Grey jumper with bottle green sleeves. White WHS emblem on front left hand side, Student's first name on right hand side and Senior in white on middle front.

Formal uniform - provided by the school, on loan when required to wear:

Tie: Bottle green with grey and white diagonal stripes.

Blouse: White blouse with WHS logo on collar.

Blazer: Bottle green with school emblem on the front pocket.