

# WINDAROO VALLEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE

(Endorsed by the Windaroo Valley State High School Council. Effective January 2025 v1.0)

Windaroo Valley State High School has a strict dress code. All students are expected to adhere to the dress code.

Parents are responsible for ensuring that their students comply with the dress code before they leave for school each day. The dress code is supported by the School Council. It promotes the objectives of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 in contributing to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:

- Ready identification of students and non-students at school
- Fostering a sense of belonging, and
- Developing mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences.

Our school dress code is a reflection of the standards we embrace, similar to the workforce. It involves maintaining appropriate dress standards and includes **wearing the school uniform at all times** and **following workplace health and safety dress code requirements**. This includes when:

- Travelling to and from school
- Attending or representing the school
- Engaging in school activities out of school hours

**The only exceptions for not wearing school uniform will be for very specific activities – such as camp and particular excursions. Staff will inform students and parents of these activities through written excursion details.**

The school uniform colours are bottle green, white, grey and black.

## Uniforms

\* The School Council endorsed uniform items are those brands noted and **for sale at the school uniform shop**

### ***Everyday Uniform***

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| Girl's Uniform | White over blouse with attached green girl's tie and school logo on pocket<br>Plain white singlet or undershirt that does not exceed the blouse sleeves or bottom<br>Gazone bottle green culottes or skirt<br>Gazone college grey unisex shorts or college grey slacks<br>Simple hair accessories in school colours – white, grey, bottle green or black<br>Plain white <b>crew</b> sock or WVSHS logo sock only   |
| Boy's Uniform  | White shirt with school logo on pocket (top button undone unless wearing the school tie)<br>Plain white singlet or undershirt that does not exceed the shirt sleeves or bottom<br>Gazone college grey unisex shorts or college grey long trousers<br>School tie with logo (optional for everyday uniform) – <b>shirt must be tucked in when wearing the tie</b><br>Plain black belt with simple buckle<br>Plain white <b>crew</b> sock or WVSHS logo sock only |

### ***Winter Uniform***

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| Girl's Uniform | White over blouse with attached green girl's tie and school logo on pocket<br>Plain white singlet or undershirt that does not exceed the blouse sleeves or bottom<br>Gazone bottle green culottes or skirt<br>Gazone college grey unisex shorts or college grey slacks<br>Simple hair accessories in school colours – white, grey, bottle green or black<br>Plain white <b>crew</b> sock or WVSHS logo sock only OR plain black or flesh coloured tights/stockings<br>Gazone bottle green jumper with school logo<br>LW Reid plain bottle green scarf |
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Boy's Uniform      White shirt with school logo on pocket (top button undone unless wearing the school tie)  
 Plain white singlet or undershirt that does not exceed the shirt sleeves or bottom  
 Gazon college grey unisex shorts or college grey long trousers  
 School tie with logo (optional for everyday uniform) – **shirt must be tucked in when wearing the tie**  
 Plain black belt with simple buckle  
 Plain white **crew** sock or WVSHS logo sock only  
 Gazon bottle green jumper with school logo  
 LW Reid plain bottle green scarf

**Unisex Sports Uniform (Boys and Girls)**

Junior School - Summer (Years 7, 8 and 9 only)      Bottle green polo shirt with school logo on front  
 Skola bottle green, unisex, microfibre sports short  
 Plain white singlet or undershirt that does not exceed the shirt sleeves or bottom  
 Plain white **crew** sock or WVSHS logo sock only  
 School cap or school bucket hat

Senior School - Summer (Years 10, 11 and 12 only)      Bottle green and white polo shirt with school logo on front  
 Skola bottle green, unisex, microfibre sports short  
 Plain white singlet or undershirt that does not exceed the shirt sleeves or bottom  
 Plain white **crew** sock or WVSHS logo sock only  
 School cap or school bucket hat

Junior and Senior - Winter      Junior or Senior polo shirt with school logo on front  
 Skola bottle green, unisex, microfibre sports short  
 Plain white **crew** sock or WVSHS logo sock only  
 Plain white singlet or undershirt that does not exceed the shirt sleeves or bottom  
 School cap or school bucket hat  
 Gazon bottle green and white microfibre jacket with school logo  
 LW Reid bottle green, microfibre track pants  
 LW Reid bottle green scarf

Hat/cap      School cap or school bucket hat only (**ALL year levels**)  
 Reversible bucket hat being phased out

*Interschool sporting teams may have a specific uniform. Where coaches advise, students are required to wear this.*

**Shoes (Boys and Girls)**

It is a requirement of our school site that all students wear **covered, sturdy, leather** shoes for health and safety reasons.

**Everyday Shoe**      **fully black, impervious, sturdy leather lace up (college style) shoes with black laces** – college style recommended as they satisfy all requirements including workplace health and safety



**Sport shoe**      **fully black, leather joggers with black laces**



**Any other material, style or colour/s (e.g. suede, canvas, volleys, slip on, thong, high heels, platform, boots or high tops) are not acceptable.**

**Standards**

All students are expected to adhere to the following standards.

## Personal Appearance

Just as standards of conduct and speech are considered important, so are standards of personal neatness, tidiness and grooming. Hair should always be clean, neat and tidy, and preferably tied back. All aspects of personal hygiene should receive appropriate attention.

The following are **unacceptable**:

- Excessive make up
- Coloured nail polish/lacquer - this includes coloured acrylic, gel, french tips or other artificial nails
- Extreme/radical hair-cuts/styles Eg Mohawks, tracks, close shaves or extremely bright/vibrant hair or two-tone colours. *Exemptions are made for Sports Days when students are permitted to use washable house colours.*
- Clothing (including caps and hats) that promotes alcohol or cigarette products or is of an offensive nature
- Non uniform accessories (including but not limited to beanies, bandanas, hats other than school caps or school bucket hats, gloves, ear phones)

All decisions about personal appearance are at the Principal's discretion.

## Jewellery

The following jewellery is permitted:

- A wristwatch
- Flat rings only – maximum of two only
- Two pairs of small stud/sleeper/hoop **earrings** with a maximum of **two** earrings per ear.
- Necklaces/pendants (simple chains/ropes) worn underneath the uniform so they cannot be seen.
- A Medical Alert Bracelet

## Other Piercings

Facial, tongue and other body or ear piercings are not permitted at any time even if covered or clear. This also applies on free dress days Eg sports carnivals. Spacers or stretchers must be solid, flat, flush to the earlobe and no larger than 1cm across. Spacers must be in plain, school colours of bottle green, grey, black, or white or flesh coloured.

**Tattoos** In keeping with our school culture, Windaroo Valley High School has a no visible tattoo policy. The school acknowledges that tattoos are part of some religious and cultural beliefs and practices. Students who have a visible tattoo are required to have it covered at all times whilst at school or on school activities.

## Wearing of Uniform

Our school is a uniform school. Students are expected to wear a school uniform at all times. A student in school uniform readily identifies with his/her school and establishes a school identity in the local community. The school uniform includes:

- Everyday school uniform – girls and boys
- Winter school uniform – girls and boys
- Unisex summer sports uniform
- Unisex winter sports uniform
- Fully black leather shoes

\* Items from the Everyday and Sports uniforms can be mixed and matched Eg everyday shorts worn with the sport top or the skirt/culottes with the sports top.

\* Either uniform can be worn on any day of the week unless specified otherwise however **all students will require at least one everyday uniform** for school photos, formal occasions, some excursions, awards ceremonies and special occasions (this includes the everyday shoe). For hygiene reasons, students should have a sufficient number of uniforms to cover them for the week and one of these must be the day uniform.

\* The **accepted uniform items** are those brands noted and that are **available for sale from the school uniform shop**.

## ***Uniform Shop***

The Uniform Shop is located next to the Canteen and is open Tuesday to Thursday 7:45am to 8:30am. Items ordered online can be picked up Monday to Friday between 1:25pm and 1:40pm.

Uniform items, costs and purchasing details are outlined on the **Windaroo Valley State High School Uniform Price List** available from the school office and the school web site.

## ***School Representation***

Students representing the school are required to wear the correct everyday uniform for health and safety reasons unless specifically instructed by the school to wear an alternative (e.g. to sports trials).

School representation may include visits to special functions, Parliament, community visits, excursions, in-school special events, inter-school competitions, etc. Any uniform exceptions will be specified for each excursion or activity in the permission form.

## ***Excursions***

Students are required to wear full school uniform when on an excursion for health and safety reasons unless the venue stipulates an alternative safety dress code, eg. A rain forest excursion may require arms and legs to be covered.

## ***Physical Education and Sports***

All students who are engaging in physical education classes and sports activities are expected to **follow the school dress code** including **wearing the relevant full sports uniform and fully black, leather sport shoes** (exceptions are only for sports that require specialist footwear Eg spikes, tags). Students will not be permitted to represent the school in district, regional, state or national sporting events if they are not in the correct uniform and abiding by all aspects of the dress code Eg other piercings, white only socks.

Interschool sporting teams may have a specific uniform shirt bearing the logo, the current year and the name of the sport. **Team shirts** are permitted to be worn by current team members only, **on the day of competition**. Team shirts are approved at the Principal's discretion and the rest of the dress code applies Eg white only socks.

## ***Other Programs***

All students participating in our excellence/other programs Eg ACE, GTEK, STEM, Japanese and Music excellence, Jimbelungare Dimunn may wear a specific program shirt in lieu of their uniform shirt. These program shirts must bear the school logo and the name of the program. Only students currently participating in the program may wear these shirts. Program shirts are approved at the Principal's discretion.

Students participating in some camps/tours may have opportunity to wear a camp/tour shirt for the duration of the excursion only. These shirts must bear the school logo, the current year and the name of the camp/tour. These shirts are approved at the Principal's discretion.

## ***Trade Training Centre Program***

Year 11 and 12 students participating in the Certificate II Hospitality Certificate Program should wear TTC uniform as outlined in the subject selection handbook on their TTC day. A **plain black jumper** (no hoodies) can be worn in winter. Students cannot mix and match with WVSHS uniform items Eg do not wear a senior jersey/school jacket with black trousers/chef pants.

## ***Senior Jersey/Jacket***

Year 12 students who meet the eligibility criteria have the option to purchase a Senior jersey/jacket in their final year. Students may elect to have their first name or surname included on the back of their jersey. Only current Year 12 students may wear the current year Senior jersey/jacket

### ***Eligibility criteria:***

- students have demonstrated consistent STAR behaviours and are committed to being the senior leaders of the school
- students are working to the best of their ability to successfully complete their senior studies
- have attendance of minimum 93%

- payment of all school fees by end of term 3 (this includes students on a payment plan)
- meet the conditions of their senior contract

### ***Student Leadership***

Student leaders must wear the full everyday uniform when representing the school in their leadership role. This includes the white shirt tucked in, black belt, green school tie, long grey trousers, and fully black leather dress school shoes for boys and white blouse with tie, long green skirt and fully black leather dress school shoes for girls. On occasion students will be required to wear the school blazer. Students' presentation must be impeccable.

### **Any Occasion When School Uniform Is Not Worn**

There will be a number of occasions when non uniform days are scheduled. Any clothing is considered **INAPPROPRIATE** attire for school at any time if it:

- Promotes or glorifies war, violence or any other acts of aggression
- Features inappropriate and/or offensive writing/illustrations/distasteful captions
- Immodestly dressed for the activity
- Open footwear/sandals/thongs/reefs
- Drug and alcohol advertising or inappropriate/racist/sexist language, slogans or illustrations

All decisions about inappropriate attire are at the Principal's discretion. **The other piercings rule still applies.**

### ***Labelling***

It is advised that students mark all personal property with their names. The school cannot assist in the recovery of lost articles if they are un-named. Lost articles are held in the Book Room for one term. If not claimed by then they become the property of the school.

### ***Exemption Procedures for Special Circumstances***

- Exemption will be for a set period of time, upon written request and explanation from a parent to an Administrator. Set period of time will be a maximum of two weeks, unless an alternative period of time is authorised by the Principal.
- Students must have their exemption noted in their planner and have their planner with them at all times during the exemption period. Failure to do so may result in a consequence for not wearing the correct school uniform.
- Students exempted from wearing the school uniform are still expected to follow the school dress code – personal appearance and grooming expectations, jewellery and body piercing expectations, school colours, etc.

### ***Infringement of School Dress Code***

- Students will not be permitted to represent the school in any official capacity if they are not following the school dress code, including wearing the relevant school uniform:
  - Leadership – everyday school uniform (including requirements for long pants, long skirt);
  - Music and instrumental concerts and performances– music uniform or everyday uniform;
  - Sporting – school uniform or team uniform where specified.
- Students will not be permitted to feature in school photos, media or publicity activities if they are not following the school dress code, including wearing the relevant school uniform.
- Students will not be permitted to participate in regular school education programs where their dress would pose a safety risk. This includes the wearing of non-permitted jewellery and incorrect footwear. In these instances students will be asked to remove the items or change into appropriate clothing (this includes footwear). If they choose not to, they will be directed to participate in alternative education activities provided by the school.
- Students not complying with other aspects of the dress code will be asked to rectify this by a staff member at the time:
  - remove excessive makeup

- non-compliant jewellery or other accessories will be confiscated and held at the Engagement Centre for a period of 7 days. Parents may collect confiscated items within the 7 day period by appointment with the Deputy Principal. NOTE: The school will take no responsibility for these items.
- Students wearing other piercings will be directed to the Engagement Centre where the item will be confiscated. Students will not be permitted to attend class or breaks in the playground wearing other piercings (work will be provided to the Engagement Centre).
- Confiscated items will be held at the Engagement Centre for a minimum period of 7 days. They can be collected after this period from the Engagement Centre by students at 2.50 pm on that day. Parents may collect item earlier after an interview with the relevant Deputy Principal.
- Parents who send children to school wearing incorrect footwear may be telephoned and requested to bring appropriate footwear to assist their child to comply with the school dress code and workplace health and safety requirements.
- Students may be given the opportunity to change into appropriate items from a bank of clothing and shoes held at school. Students will need to change out of these clothes or shoes at the end of the school day. Parents may be asked to contact the school to discuss the issue and develop alternative strategies.
- Students will be given a morning tea detention for not complying with the school dress code unless the breach is authorised. Parents will be informed of any uniform breaches via SMS.
- Students who continually breach the dress code will not be eligible to represent the school or attend extra-curricular activities (as per the school representation policy).
- If a student refuses to follow directions given by a staff member, then this will be treated as “Refusal to Follow Instructions” and consequences will be applied for the secondary behaviour.