



Woodville  
High School

DIVERSITY INTEGRITY RESILIENCE

# Our Woodville

## Uniform Policy

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At Woodville High School, students wear a Governing Council endorsed student uniform with a sense of pride and belonging promoting a sense of unity within our school community. This policy sets out the circumstances and manner in which the student uniform is to be worn.

The wearing of our uniform sets a positive school tone, cultivates student pride in our school's rich history and is a visual representation of themselves as part of Woodville High School's future. The wearing of our uniform enriches the public image of the school and builds team unity whilst ensuring equity amongst our students. Parent and student consultation has informed changes to the uniform over our school's 109 year history.

## Underlying Principles

- Students and families enrolling at Woodville High School (WHS) commit to wearing our school uniform correctly
- Our uniform is non gendered and promotes inclusion and harmony in the Woodville High School community reflecting our School Vision and Graduate Habits
- We are all ambassadors of our 109-year-old school with a strong tradition and proud history and, as such, all students should take pride in representing Woodville High School in academic, sporting and artistic pursuits within our school and local community
- Our uniform policy reflects our values and reinforces our school's culture of high expectations and academic achievement. All students must dress according to the uniform policy
- Full student uniform ensures that students are identifiable when on campus and also when in transit to and from the school; this assists with the safety of students off campus and also ensures non-school visitors on school premises are easily identifiable
- Our uniform is our symbol of excellence, courage, hard work and ability to become, with effort, sacrifice and study, the best we can be, it promotes a strong, cohesive school identity which supports high standards and expectations in all areas of school life.
- Our uniform promotes harmony between different cultural groups represented in the school
- All students are reminded of these high expectations relating to our uniform.

## Aim

- Full student uniform must be worn at all times during the school day, and during official school activities, unless sanctioned by the Principal and Executive Team
- Whenever the student uniform is worn, students should consider themselves to be ambassadors of our school
- Our Woodville High School community believes in social justice and will support families to ensure all families have access to all compulsory uniform items
- Students and families have the right to clear communication about this Policy and Processes
- The consequences for breaches of this Policy are explained in the 'procedures for students out of uniform section and flowchart' and responsibility to maintain the procedures is delegated to the House Leaders.

## Our Uniform

- Pants - Formal – Tailored
- Pants - Formal – Unisex
- School Track Pants
- School Shorts

- Polo Unisex Short Sleeve
- Polo Unisex Long Sleeve
- Jumper- Knitted -Unisex
- Jacket-Soft Shell - Unisex
- Jumper Fleecy ¼ Zip – Unisex
- School Cap
- School Tights
- School Tie
- Fitted Scarf (HIJAB)
- Loose Fitting Scarf (HIJAB)
- Scrunchie - Winter
- Scrunchie - Summer
- School Pom Pom Beanie

- Summer dress
- School Skirt
- Shirt White - Unisex
- Shirt White - Unisex Long Sleeve
- Formal shorts
- Pants - Formal - Tailored
- Length of all dresses, skirts, and shorts: around the knee, and no more than 10 cm above, from the middle of the knee Length of all trousers: above the sole of the shoes. Must be properly hemmed. No frayed edges
- School short must also be of an appropriate length and not inhibiting to student movement
- Any combination of the uniform items listed can be worn at any time, all outer uniform items need to be the regulation uniform items
- NO hoodies.

### Yr. 12:

- The Year 12 students are permitted to wear special Year 12 jackets as negotiated with the Senior School Leader on an annual basis.

### Specialised Music Students:

- Specialist Music students will be expected to wear the appropriate uniform for performances and public presentations. This includes the school tie and Specialist Music Blazers.

### Sport and Physical Education:

**(Students must wear the approved P.E uniform to participate in all practical lessons)**

- Sublimated PE Shirt
- Plain navy-blue sports shorts or track pants
- Woodville embroidered bucket hat or baseball cap
- Sports shoes
- Note: students change into their PE uniform before the lesson and into their school uniform after the lesson.

### Protective Clothing:

At Woodville High School, we provide a safe learning environment and insist on strict adherence to safety rules. Guidelines regarding clothing, hair safety, footwear, eye protection is explained to students attending Science, VET courses, Technology Studies and Home Economics classes.

### Shoe Policy:

- As part of Woodville High School’s duty of care Occupational Health and Welfare obligations at workplaces, students are obligated to wear enclosed predominately black footwear at school.

**Wearing of Uniform Between School and Home:**

Woodville High School is proud of its image in the community and the correct wearing of our uniform to and from school is part of this image.

# Wearing Our Woodville Uniform

All Woodville High School uniform items can be purchased through Belgravia Apparel

- The uniform is to be worn neatly, kept clean and tidy, and to be respected as an extension of our school’s reputation within the community.
- All items of clothing and personal belongings are the responsibility of the student. The school takes no responsibility for lost or damaged items. Our school is not insured to replace student or staff jewellery, personal devices, or other personal items.
- All student clothing must be official Woodville High School uniform sold through Belgravia Apparel. If you have any queries, please contact your student’s House group teacher or the relevant Middle or Senior School Managers.
- Our uniform is coordinated with each item themed by colour and design. It supports student diversity, gender expression and freedom of choice
- Head scarves in plain blue or white are part of our regular uniform Some students may require an exemption to wear an additional piercing or jewellery that has cultural/religious significance.
- To apply for an exemption, families need to email the relevant House Leader (see address in The Wellbeing Handbook) describing the exemption and its significance to their culture/religion prior to the student wearing the item to school.
- Our school dress code has evolved over our school’s history and incorporates our traditional school colours of blue, white and gold. The uniform sets the standards of what is acceptable in relation to the clothing worn by students while attending our school.
- Our uniform is based on student inclusivity, incorporating our student’s cultural heritage and is inclusive of our student’s gender identity, being flexible, allowing choice and gender expression.
- Our uniform includes the choice of clothing that considers the following:  
Level of comfort, safety and climatic conditions, other special circumstances may include skin irritations and physical disabilities.

**Students NOT in uniform:**

- Our school requests a written explanation to the House group Teacher from the Parent/ Caregiver if a student is not in correct uniform for any reason on a given day or period of days.
- The note should indicate the anticipated date when full uniform will be worn. The information should preferably be attached through SEQTA from the House group teachers for all relevant staff to view.
- If a student is not in uniform without a suitable explanation (as those outlined above) the school will invoke a supportive process, (Please see Flowchart Appendix 1.)
- In the first instance the student will be offered a replacement uniform for that day OR having a school uniform brought in.
- If there is ongoing refusal to wear the school uniform and one has been purchased by the parent /caregiver or loaned by the school, follow-up action may include the student being sent home to change into correct uniform, internal suspension, external

suspension for refusal to follow staff instructions, or other action at the discretion of the Principal

# Roles and Responsibilities

**Governing Council**

- Determine a school dress code for adoption by the school that complies with the requirements outlined in this instruction and the Education and Children’s Services Regulations 2020.

**Uniform Committee**

- Approve and adopt the Governing Council’s proposed dress code for the school, after making any reasonable amendments they see fit. Together with the Governing Council, design school uniform requirements. Ensure the school dress code determined by the Governing Council complies with the requirements of this instruction and the Education and Children’s Services Regulations 2020. Undertake a review of the school dress code regularly in line with the school’s formal review process.

**Middle and Senior Years Managers and House Leaders**

- Enforce the dress code, except where students are exempt, and take appropriate action for intentional and persistent breach of that code. (See Flowchart Appendix 1)

**Parents/Caregivers**

- Purchase the required school uniform when their children enrol in Woodville High School
- Discuss any financial or other difficulties in accessing the uniform with the appropriate Middle or Senior Years Manager



- Engage in regular discussions with their children about the importance of wearing the school uniform
- Ensure the school uniform is clean, neat and tidy at the beginning of each week.
- Meaningfully and respectfully contribute to the consultation and review process of the school dress code
- Support the agreed responses to students who do not comply with the dress code.

**Students**

- Meaningfully and respectfully contribute to the consultation and review process of the school dress code

- Comply with the school’s dress code and follow reasonable directions from staff members in wearing and obtaining our uniform.

**Related legislation**

- Education and Children’s Services Act 2019
- Education and Children’s Services Regulations 2020
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992
- Equal Opportunity Act 1984
- Racial Discrimination Act 1975
- Sex Discrimination Act 1984
- Work Health and Safety Act 2012

**Related policies**

- SA Equal Opportunity Commission – equal opportunity and you (religious appearance or dress) (PDF 2.8MB)
- Children and students with disability policy
- Attendance policy
- Gender diverse and intersex children and young people support procedure (PDF 238.9KB)
- Supporting gender diverse, intersex and sexually diverse children and young people policy (PDF 231.1KB)



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**Trading Hours: DURING SCHOOL TERM ONLY**

**Tuesday:** 8:15am - 4.00pm (Closed for lunch - 12:00-12:30)

**Collection/Delivery Options:**

- **Collect from School:**  
During school terms orders are to be collected from the uniform shop every Tuesday between 8.15am and 4.00pm. During school holidays orders will be filled on the day(s) the Uniform Shop is open.
- **Home Delivery**

