

Waikiki Primary School

Dress Code Policy



Policy Endorsed By: Principal & Waikiki PS School Board

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Background

All public schools are required to have a dress code and students are required to comply with the code unless they have been granted an exemption.

Exemptions and sanctions will be managed in accordance with the *School Education Regulations 2000* and requirements in the *Dress Codes for Students Procedures*.

Rationale

Dress codes are tangible evidence of the standards expected of students. A school's dress code plays an important role in promoting a positive image of the school and creating a sense of identity among students.

The Waikiki Primary staff, School Board and community believe that the School Dress Code:

- Develops pride and school community spirit in students.
- Enhances the public image and status of the school.
- Encourages equity among students.
- Ensures students are dressed safely for specific school activities e.g. physical education, excursions.
- Promotes the school's Sun Smart Policy and protects students from ultraviolet radiation.
- Keeps the cost of clothing within reasonable limits for parents.
- Promotes safety of students through easy identification.
- Assists students to learn the importance of appropriate presentation.

Purpose

- To provide parents and students with a dress code that is safe and appropriate for school activities, reasonable by contemporary standards, is affordable to parents, and considers the risks of ultraviolet radiation.
- To encourage the wearing of the school uniform by providing direction for students not complying with the dress code.
- To provide appropriate processes for exemption or modification related to student health, ethnic considerations, religion or any other matter, which in the Principal's opinion, is sufficient to exempt a student from the dress code requirements.

Guidelines

Enrolment at Waikiki Primary School assumes an agreement that the enrolling student will dress within the guidelines of the School Dress Code, including any negotiated exemptions. Students must wear the school uniform at all times including; when representing the school at sporting events and excursions. The wearing of clothing showing motifs or pictures that may be seen to be offensive to others or inappropriate is not acceptable. Uniforms can be purchased either from the Waikiki Primary School uniform shop or local stores.

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Kindergarten

- Students to be dressed in clothing suitable for the activities provided at Kindergarten. Activities include but are not limited to painting; cooking, physical activity, indoor and outdoor play.
- Broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaire style hat. This is for ultraviolet radiation protection and supports our Sun Protection Policy.
- Sneakers or sandals with a back strap. Shoelaces must be tied up or Velcro straps.
- Waikiki Primary School uniform is to be worn.

Pre-Primary - Year 6

- Terracotta collared shirt with school logo.
- Year 6 navy blue collared shirt with logo or navy blue 'Leavers' shirt.
- Plain navy-blue shorts, skort, skirt, long pants, track pants, tights or leggings. No denim as per Department of Education Policy. Denim imitations are not acceptable.
- Plain navy-blue jacket or jumper - school logo preferred though not essential. Jumpers without hoods are preferred. Hoods must be worn down in the classroom and playground.
- Navy blue, solid coloured, broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaire style hat. This is for ultraviolet radiation protection and supports our Sun Protection Policy. We prefer that students wear the Waikiki PS hat wherever possible.
- School Faction shirts can be worn on the days that classes have Physical Education.
- Waikiki PS Staff will encourage students to protect school uniforms with their supplied art smock wherever possible.

Interschool Sport

Waikiki Primary School will provide all students selected in interschool sporting competitions with a uniform shirt, to be worn for the day then returned. The Physical Education teacher will ensure that interschool sports uniforms will be available for all students selected. Specialised socks and boots may be worn as instructed e.g. footy socks and boots. Some sports may require parents to provide a mouthguard.

Graduation Uniform

Students in Year 6 may purchase a "Leavers" shirt as part of the school uniform. Students are required to wear these, or a navy blue collared shirt with logo, for special occasions i.e. Graduation.

Choir

Students participating in the choir will be provided with a Waikiki Choir shirt for performances.

Footwear

Appropriate footwear must always be worn. Enclosed shoes e.g. sneakers, black school shoes or sandals with a back strap provide protection against injuries. Standard style sneakers/shoes with matching laces and **blue, black or white, short** socks should be worn, laces should be tied up and Velcro adhered. On Sports day, students are to wear sport shoes. Avoid all fads and fashion statements in relation to footwear and socks for school. No thongs, UGG boots, ankle boots, crocs, high heels, surf sandals or canvas shoes.

Hats and Sun Protection

Waikiki Primary School is a Sun Smart school. All children must wear a navy blue broad brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hat at all times when outside. A reversible bucket hat with navy blue and student's faction colour is available from the uniform shop. With the increasingly high incidence of ear and facial skin cancers, caps are not acceptable, as they do not provide sufficient protection. A strict 'No Hat No Play' policy is in place all year. A beanie is not considered a hat for school purposes and should not be worn during the school day.

Hair, Jewellery, Make Up, Nail Polish, Gloves, Scarves and Stick On Tattoos

Hair should be clear of the face at all times and hair that is past collar length needs to be tied up. Coloured hair, jewellery, makeup, nail polish and visible stick-on tattoos do not form part of the School Dress Code and should not be worn. Exceptions to this are watches (in flight mode if a smart watch), Medic Alert bracelets, earrings (one set only of either small studs or small

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sleepers), and cultural or religious items. Gloves and scarves should not be worn in the classroom or during school activities such as PE or morning clubs where they may cause accident or injury.

Monitoring

Students not following the Dress Code:

- Will receive a reminder and direction from their classroom teacher about the School's Dress Code.
- Students will be reminded to dress as per the School Dress Code, parents may be contacted if students repeatedly present at school in inappropriate clothing.
- Will be provided with a clean alternative uniform if they arrive at school not in school uniform.

Conclusion

Waikiki Primary School students participate in many different activities during their school time. The uniform is smart and easily identifies our students on and off school grounds. It is not designed as a fashion statement or to suit individual likes and dislikes, but rather as practical school wear which all students are expected to wear. We ask that all parents and carers respect and actively support the School's Dress Code and ensure that their children are correctly attired at all times.

