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### **1. Policy Statement**

Wiley Park Public School aims to provide a safe, caring and welcoming learning place where all students and staff are treated with respect. Staff, students and parents share responsibility to ensure active support of the School Uniform Policy.

### **2. Benefits of School Uniforms**

(as outlined in *School Uniforms in NSW Government Schools 2004*)

It has been found that the wearing of school uniform brings with it many benefits such as:

- defining an identity for the school within the local community;
- developing students' sense of belonging to the school community;
- providing an opportunity to build school spirit;
- enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities;
- promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity;
- reinforcing the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment;
- increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school;
- promoting positive community perceptions of public education; and
- making school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes.

### **3. Our Beliefs**

The wearing of school uniforms by students will assist the Wiley Park Public School community in:

- promoting the school's image within the community;
- enhancing school spirit;
- encouraging unity and equality between students;
- increasing student confidence;
- cost-saving for parents; and
- preparing students for dress and safety codes required by employers.

### **4. Collaboration and Consultation**

At Wiley Park Public School, the uniform has been designed in partnership with the P&C, staff and students. It is our intention that the uniform reflects the needs of students, their families and the school.

## 5. Uniform Requirements

Teachers, students, parents and caregivers work together to encourage students to wear full school uniform.

<b>SUMMER UNIFORM</b>	
<p><b>Boys Uniform</b>            Bottle green/white polo with school logo            Grey shorts with elastic band            Grey socks and black leather or vinyl shoes            School hat with school logo            OR            The unisex/sport uniform listed below</p>	<p><b>Girls Uniform</b>            Dress            Bottle green tights (optional)            School hat with school logo            Girls who wear a hijab are to wear a white hijab            Any underclothes eg long sleeved shirts under the uniform are to be white            White socks and black leather or vinyl shoes            OR            The unisex/sport uniform listed below</p>

<b>WINTER UNIFORM</b>	
<p><b>Boys Uniform</b>            Bottle green/white polo with school logo            Bottle green jumper with school logo            Grey trousers with elastic band            Grey socks and black leather or vinyl shoes            School hat with school logo            OR            The unisex/sport uniform listed below</p>	<p><b>Girls Uniform</b>            Dress            Bottle green jumper with school logo            Bottle green tights (optional)            Girls who wear a hijab are to wear a white hijab            Any underclothes eg long sleeved shirts under the uniform are to be white            White socks and black leather or vinyl shoes            School hat with school logo            OR            The unisex/sport uniform listed below</p>

<b>UNISEX/SPORTS UNIFORM</b>
<p>The items listed below can be worn daily as a school uniform or on sports specific days / events:</p> <p>Bottle green/white polo with school logo            Sport shorts green/white with school logo            Zip jacket and tracksuit pants            White sports shoes with white socks            School hat with school logo</p>

- Shoes – Black, flat, leather or vinyl enclosed shoes. No canvas shoes or coloured soles/laces.
- Beanies, neck scarves, gloves – Beanies do not form part of the uniform. Neck scarves and gloves are to be bottle green and free of logo, slogan or pattern.
- Jewellery - Watches are acceptable. Girls' earrings should be sleepers or small studs. No other jewellery is to be worn.
- Hair, nails and make-up – Haircuts should be neat and tidy. Long hair is to be pulled back off the face. Over-styled hair, including mohawks, mullets, rat-tails, under cuts, shave patterns, bleached or dyed hair is not acceptable. Make-up and nail polish are not permitted. Hair accessories are to be white or bottle green.

## **6. Uniform Policy / Responsibilities**

This Uniform Policy will be actively supported by the School and its Parent community by recognising respective responsibilities.

### **School Responsibilities**

- Wiley Park Public School will make the uniform available through external suppliers. Hats can be purchased from the school.
- Negotiate and liaise with the P&C in matters relating to the management of the Uniform Policy.
- Families who are experiencing financial difficulty are encouraged to contact the school.
- When available, second hand uniforms can be purchased from the school office.

### **Parent Responsibilities**

- Support the school Uniform Policy by providing children with all items of uniform.
- Write a letter of explanation if student is not in uniform.

## **7. School Uniform Management**

Repeated and unexplained failure to wear full school uniform will result in a parent interview and a possible level drop in accordance with the Student Welfare and Discipline Policy.

## **8. Supporting Documents**

This policy is written with reference to:

- NSW DEC - School Uniforms in New South Wales Government Schools Guidelines  
<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/schoolsweb/studentsupport/studentwellbeing/schuniforms.pdf>

## **9. Review**

This policy and associated procedures are reviewed bi-annually.