

# SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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## CONCORD WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL



The NSW Department of Education's policy on school dress code allows schools to make the wearing of uniform a requirement.

At Concord West Public School we expect our students to wear school uniform because we believe that the wearing of the school uniform brings with it many benefits such as:

- defining an identity for the school
- developing students' sense of belonging to the school community
- increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors
- being comfortable and appropriate for both class and sports activities.

### **School Responsibilities**

Positive reinforcement and encouraging responsible behaviour are the preferred approaches to ensuring that our students wear the school uniform. Teachers will maintain high expectations for the wearing of the school uniform. This will include reminding students about what is expected and discussing uniform matters with them. Staff may contact Parents/Caregivers to discuss non-adherence to uniform guidelines. Where appropriate, the school will provide support for families experiencing financial difficulties. This includes access to pre-loved clothing and student assistance funds.

### **Parents/Caregivers Responsibilities**

Parents/Caregivers should ensure that their children are dressed in accordance with the school uniform policy. Parents/Caregivers should notify the classroom teacher, in writing or in person, if their child is out of school uniform. Parents/Caregivers should speak with the school principal as soon as possible if support is required.

### **Student Responsibilities**

Students are expected to maintain a neat and tidy appearance and adhere to the school's uniform policy. Clothing must be worn as designed. For example, jumpers must not be tied around the waist.

## DRESS CODE

<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>
<b>(SUMMER)</b>	<b>(SUMMER)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Yellow short sleeve polo shirt with school logo</li> <li>✓ Bottle green gabardine shorts</li> <li>✓ Bottle green fleecy bomber jacket with school logo</li> <li>✓ Bottle green bucket or slouch hat with school logo</li> <li>✓ Grey ankle/crew socks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Green and white check summer tunic</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Bottle green skirt and short sleeve yellow polo shirt with school logo (not gold or lemon)</li> <li>✓ Bottle green fleecy bomber jacket with school logo</li> <li>✓ Bottle green bucket or slouch hat with school logo</li> <li>✓ White ankle/crew socks</li> </ul>
<b>(WINTER)</b>	<b>(WINTER)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Yellow long sleeve polo shirt with school logo (not gold or lemon)</li> <li>✓ Bottle green gabardine trousers</li> <li>✓ Bottle green fleecy bomber jacket with school logo</li> <li>✓ Bottle green bucket or slouch hat with school logo</li> <li>✓ Grey ankle/crew sock</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Dark green tartan tunic with long sleeve school yellow polo shirt, bottle green tights or white ankle/crew socks</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Bottle green pants, long sleeve yellow polo shirt with school logo and white ankle/crew socks</li> <li>✓ Bottle green fleecy bomber jacket with school logo</li> <li>✓ Bottle green bucket or slouch hat with school logo</li> </ul>

There is no separate sports uniform.

### ADDITIONAL ITEMS

School backpacks, excursion bags and library bags with the school logo are recommended and available at the School Uniform Shop.

### HATS

It is school policy that all children wear the bottle green bucket or slouch hat with school logo for all organised physical education activities and while playing outside at recess and lunchtime. Both styles of hat exceed the minimum cancer council sun safe requirements.

## FOOTWEAR

Students are required to wear black, sensible, closed-in footwear to school. Ugg boots and skate shoes are not considered to be appropriate footwear. Completely black jogger style shoes are acceptable, but they should not have coloured trim or laces.

On designated class sports days sports shoes can be worn.

Should a medical condition necessitate the wearing of any alternative footwear, a written note must be provided by the Parent/Caregiver or medical practitioner.

## JEWELLERY

Students may wear a small standard sized watch. Students may wear earrings that are plain silver, gold or clear studs only or sleeper earrings less than 1.5cm in diameter.

## HAIR

Hair should be neat and tidy. Hair ribbons/ties and headbands should be plain black, bottle green, white, or yellow (colours that complement the school uniform), or in the fabric of the girls' summer dress. Hijab's if worn should be bottle green.

## EXCURSIONS and CARNIVALS

The school uniform is to be worn for all school excursions.

For school sports carnivals clothing in the colour of the child's sports house (Bass – red, Sturt – blue, Mitchell – yellow and Flinders – green) or school uniform can be worn. Clothing needs to be appropriate as outlined for out of uniform days.

## OUT OF UNIFORM DAYS

When the school has a mufti day it means that the children do not have to wear their school uniform. They may wear smart casual clothing to school and a hat that covers the head, and shades the ears and face.

Smart casual clothing does not include midriff tops or hipster pants, t-shirt or tops displaying inappropriate logos, the promotion of inappropriate products or displaying rude, explicit or offensive language or phrases.

T-shirts/ tops and dresses must have sleeves that cover the child's shoulders. Footwear must protect the whole foot. Slippers or rubber thongs are not permitted for safety reasons.

## LOST PROPERTY

All items of clothing should be marked clearly, as this enables lost and found items to be returned to the owner. Lost property is kept at the school office. If not claimed, it is given to the School Uniform Shop to be sold.

## UNIFORM PURCHASE

The School Uniform Shop is run by parent and community volunteers. It is only open on certain days. Please check the school's website for opening times.



Outside these advertised times, uniform orders can still be placed in the box at the school's front office. Order forms can be downloaded from the school's website, the school app and the P&C website. Items will be delivered to the child's classroom.

Hats and excursion bags are always available through the school office.

The Uniform Shop also stocks second-hand items.

## INQUIRIES OR COMMENTS ON THE UNIFORM POLICY

Any inquiries, comments or concerns about the uniform policy should be addressed to the school principal.

This policy was developed by the P&C at CWPS in conjunction with the school. It was written with reference to the Department of Education School Uniform Policy.