

Heatherwood School No. 4871

Uniform Policy

RATIONALE

At Heatherwood School there is a compulsory school uniform. A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

AIMS

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of Heatherwood School in the community.

IMPLEMENTATION

After consultation with the school community and the Student Representative Council, School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.

The Dress Code applies during school hours and when students are on school excursions or off campus programs. Students have the option of casual dress while travelling to and from school, but must change into school uniform during school hours.

Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms are required to be worn.

Uniforms are available to be purchased through the school (*Uniforms are displayed in the office*).

The office also operates a second hand uniform store for parents.

The school uniform policy is clearly outlined in the school diary, under 'Heatherwood School Dress Code', at the front of the diary.

HEATHERWOOD SCHOOL UNIFORM

Item	Colour	
Plain Polo Shirt – short or long sleeved	Navy Blue	Bottle Green
Plain Windcheater	Navy Blue	Bottle Green
Cougars Polo Shirt	(with logo)	
Cougars Tracksuit Top	(with logo)	
Polar Fleece Jacket / Vest	Navy Blue	Bottle Green

Unisex Stubbies Cargo Shorts	Navy Blue
Unisex Stubbies Cargo Pants (long)	Navy Blue
Cougars Tracksuit Pants only (Not Standard Tracksuit Pants.)	Navy Blue (with logo)
Girls Pants (slacks)	Navy Blue
Heatherwood School Dress	
Heatherwood Winter Skirt	
Heatherwood Winter Jacket	

Hoodies, multi-coloured pants/tops and jeans are not a part of the Heatherwood School uniform.

Leggings and tights are only permitted to be worn as an under garment with the school skirt.

Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.

Extreme hair colours (e.g. green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted.

Minimal use of cosmetics and pale colour nail polish is permitted.

Hats / caps are not to be worn inside.

School shoes or runners only to be worn (No open toed shoes- thongs, crocs etc)

The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year and in the Information Packs.

School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.

UNIFORM BREACH PROCESS

For students who are not wearing the school uniform at school the process is as follows –

- If it is the first time – they will be reminded of the school rule.
- If it is a second time – the student will be given a school uniform infringement notice and may be given a second hand uniform to wear for the day if available.
- If it is for the third time – parents will be contacted directly with the student present.-
- Ongoing and repeated refusal to wear the uniform can result in suspension.

If for any reason a student does not have an appropriate uniform, families are welcome to discuss this with the school.

The school holds a number of free dress days (fund raising). Notes are sent home indicating the day and appropriate dress expectations.

Students may be required to wear alternative clothing when involved in off campus programs.

REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was last updated on 9th October 2024 and is scheduled for review in 2027.