

WAGGA WAGGA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

UNIFORM GUIDELINES

At Wagga Wagga Christian College the wearing of uniform and the general presentation of our students should reflect the following two aspects:

- 1. Support of our College vision**
- 2. Reasonable compliance with WHS guidelines**

What does this mean?

- 1. Supporting our school vision means . . .**
 - a. Wearing the correct uniform reflects a good attitude and a desire to do what is right
 - b. Valuing partnership – parents play a huge role in ensuring students wear and reflect good uniform practices
 - c. Don't push the boundaries of uniform that would cause another person to stumble [read about this in 1 Corinthians 10:31-33].

- 2. Reasonable Compliance with WHS guidelines**
 - a. Wearing Items like jewellery and shoes need to be considered in light of safety not just for the person wearing it but also for others. For instance, dangling earrings are not safe and "jiffy – slipper type" shoes are not supportive enough for feet and do not meet safety guidelines for many of our subject areas.
 - b. Our uniform should seek to be comfortable and safe for students to learn in. Hence the opportunity for girls to wear shorts and trousers particularly if they play sport at lunchtime.

Some Helpful guidelines:

Hats: No compromise on this. Sun safety is of the utmost importance. Please ensure students wear a hat at least during Term 1 and Term 4 whenever they are outside for more than 3 minutes.

Jewellery: Please be wise in the wearing of jewellery. No jewellery is to be worn that constitutes a safety concern or is not reflective of our vision. Please leave your dress jewellery for out of school occasions.

For example:

- no raised rings that can cause injury to others
- too many rings eg on each hand is not acceptable
- One fine chain with a small pendant is acceptable.
- Leather necklaces are not allowable because of potential hazards with anyone grabbing at it and causing injury or it getting caught in a machine.
- Wearing a watch is fine
- Bracelets and anklets are not allowed due to being a potential safety hazard
- Plain sleepers and studs can be worn. If you can put your small finger through the sleepers they are not acceptable. The hoop type earrings that are too large are unsafe. Maximum of two earrings per ear.

Makeup: As girls are going through the growing years it is important to recognise changes in their skin particularly on the face. The general principles of wearing makeup are below:

- Light makeup is appropriate but please no heavy eye make, mascara, eyeliner or lipstick
- light foundation is appropriate

- Light coloured lip gloss or lip balm is acceptable
- Light coloured nail polish is appropriate

Hair: Hair colouring should be of naturally occurring hair colour.

- no bright red, green, blue etc hair colour

Hair accessories should be appropriate – not overdone and we would recommend you use school colours. This way, students will look smart.

Socks: Please note the following:

- White socks for sports uniform for boys and girls
- White socks for girls dresses
- Navy socks for boys & girls with shorts, trousers
- Navy socks for girls with senior Yr11&12 navy skirt
- Socks are to be fold down anklets or 1cm anklet socks
- Girls may wear navy long socks or stockings in winter with their skirts, tunics

Sport Shoes: In choosing sport shoes please be conscious of what is good for your feet and also complements our uniform. For example:

- Buy sport joggers not casual canvas type shoes
- Bright colour sport joggers should not be chosen eg fluorescent blue or green. There are plenty of good options available.
- Bright coloured gym boots eg red, blue, orange are not appropriate and are not good for most sporting activities
- Any slip-on shoes are not appropriate for safety and support reasons

Black Shoes: In choosing black shoes please be aware of the following issues:

- Safety & Support

The following shoes **are not acceptable**:

- Sandals for Years 5 – 12 boys and girls are not appropriate due to WHS regulations in D&T areas of our school in which students participate
- Slip-on shoes or Jiffy shoes are not appropriate as they do not adequately support feet
- Please be aware that shoes with large buckles can cause injury to another person by inflicting scratches etc.
- Shoes with large heels

Dresses/
Skirts: Dresses should be around knee length. Modesty is part of our ethos. Please do not shorten dresses above the knee. Singlets or camisoles to be flesh coloured or white – no bright colours please.

Scarves: Scarves & beanies are options for winter. Please ensure they are in school colours – eg navy or burgundy. These are not to be worn in the classroom as the rooms are heated to a comfortable temperature.

We have tried not to be too prescriptive but give guidelines to you as parents and students. **Please work within these guidelines and support partnership** in the uniform area. Unfortunately, some students are coming to school with clear breaches of the uniform guidelines. A uniform demerit system is in place to address these breaches. **Please help us establish good boundaries and uniform culture among our students.**