

NORTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student Uniform and Dress Code Policy

All students in Western Australia attending government schools are required to wear a school uniform, this applies to all students attending Northam Primary School. This policy is supported by our School Council. School uniform is important because it:

- Instils pride in the school
- Gives students a sense of belonging
- Encourages identification with Northam Primary School
- Promotes a sense of equality amongst students
- Increases safety while walking to and from school or on excursions, making identification of students easier
- Is cost effective for parents and care givers.

All students of Northam Primary School must wear full school uniform. Any exemptions must be cleared through the Principal. The uniform consists of:

- School polo shirt,
- School jacket/jumper,
- Royal blue track pants,
- Royal blue skort/shorts/dress (should be at a modest length),
- Wide brimmed school hat (other hats such as caps etc. are not to be worn)
- Faction shirt,
- Year 6 School Leavers Polo shirt, and
- Footwear: Shoes, sneakers or plain low sandals, strapped to the foot. Flat shoes for girls are appropriate. Safety is important, (Thongs, reef sandals, massage sandals, heeled dress sandals, heeled boots, flat heeled boots and scuffs are not permitted).

Tights and long socks are only to be worn if they are in the Royal Blue, unless on a special occasion such as crazy sock day.

The wearing of cosmetics is not acceptable this includes any form of makeup, face covering, nail polish, fake nails or temporary tattoos.

Hair needs to be neat and tidy. Hair that is collar length or longer must be tied up.

A watch and either studs or sleepers, and a single chain with a small pendent can be worn. Other items of jewellery may not be worn for safety reasons. The school will not be responsible for lost or damaged jewellery.

If a student does not meet the requirements of the Northam Primary School dress code these steps will be followed:

- The classroom teacher will explain to the student the need to be in uniform and will send them to the office to borrow the uniform item from the school.

- Issues regarding non-compliance, or requests for exemptions from the dress code must be referred to the principal.

Link to WA Department of Education: <http://det.wa.edu.au/policies/detcms/policy-planning-andaccountability/policies-fr>

Here are some guidelines to assist parents and students.

- If students are not following the dress code they may be unable to attend whole school activities such as excursions/incursions etc.
- Students are required to be clean and tidy in appearance. At all times, clothing should conform to standards of modesty acceptable to the school.
- Board shorts, skate pants and similarly styled garments are not suitable.
- Beanies are NOT part of the school dress code.
- NO DENIM. Jeans are not acceptable.
- Sun smart: The school implements a No School Hat, No Play policy.

Exemptions

All students are expected to meet dress requirements unless an exemption has been granted. The grounds for exemption or modification relate to student health, ethnic considerations, religion or any other matter which, in the principal's opinion, is sufficient to exempt a student from dress code requirements. The exemption must be negotiated with the principal at the time of enrolment. Provision for temporary exemptions will be made to accommodate new students and the non-availability of components of dress code items, or where there is significant change to student circumstances. A copy of any exemption record will be provided to the student, parents and teachers, and placed on the students file.