



**Rationale**

Wycheproof P-12 College is a co-educational school with a strong academic tradition and a positive learning atmosphere. The nature and style of our uniform reflects this. One of the ways students demonstrate their membership and support of the school community is through the wearing of our uniform and as a measure of safety on school excursions. The school also needs the support and involvement of parents and staff in ensuring that students have the correct school uniform on all occasions and that the uniform proudly reflects our school community. The wearing of the Wycheproof P-12 College School uniform is compulsory.

**Guiding Principles**

- To develop in the students a sense of pride in their school.
- To encourage uniformity and aid identification of our children by the implementation of a modern and functional uniform.
- To promote equality and remove competition between children in regard to fashion items of clothing.

The current uniform serves the school well and, as a general rule, the school will aim to minimize changes to the uniform. Any significant changes to the uniform will be communicated to parents in advance. Significant changes to the uniform will involve a phase-in period of one year. Changes to the school uniform will only occur with the Principal’s and School Council’s approval. Parents, staff and students will be consulted during any changes.

**Availability**

Quality, school accepted uniforms new and secondhand, are available from the School Uniform Shop which is situated on the school campus. The uniform shop carries many school uniform items. The school has made every endeavour to keep the uniform prices competitive whilst at a high quality. Families experiencing difficulty purchasing the correct uniform items should contact the Principal. Uniform items are also available second hand at the Wycheproof Op Shop.

**FEMALE UNIFORM**

<b>Dress</b>	Summer Dress
<b>Polo T-shirt</b>	Unisex school polo shirt
<b>Shorts</b>	Plain navy school shorts (no visible branding)
<b>Skort</b>	Navy (Prep- Year 4 only)
<b>Winter skirt</b>	School winter skirt – Navy/Green check
<b>Pants</b>	Plain navy slacks/track pants (no visible branding)
<b>Jumper</b>	Unisex green/navy rugby jumper with school logo
<b>Socks</b>	White or black. Navy tights with winter skirt
<b>Shoes</b>	Black - Leather lace-up, velcro or buckle, black sneakers or T-Bar shoes. Laces must be black.
<b>Jacket</b>	Navy softshell jacket with school logo (optional)

**MALE UNIFORM**

<b>Shorts</b>	Navy school shorts (no visible branding)
<b>Pants</b>	Navy school pants (no visible branding)
<b>Polo T-shirt</b>	Unisex school polo shirt
<b>Jumper</b>	Unisex green/navy rugby jumper with school logo
<b>Socks</b>	White or black.
<b>Shoes</b>	Black - Leather lace-up or velcro or black sneakers. Laces must be black.
<b>Jacket</b>	Navy softshell jacket with school logo (optional)

- **All shoes must be totally black, enclose the toe and be made of non-pervious materials in accordance with safe work practice.**
- **Long sleeved NAVY tops may be worn under the polo t-shirt or short sleeved tops may be worn as long as they are not visible.**

**VCE STUDENTS**

A VCE unisex school rugby jumper may be worn by all students in Year 11 and 12. The colours of this jumper are to be navy, bottle green and white. The design of the jumper will include input from students and staff. No nicknames will appear on the jumper. The rugby jumper must include the school logo.

**Consequences for not wearing the correct school uniform:**

If, for any reason, a student is unable to present in appropriate school uniform, they should bring a signed note from a parent/guardian detailing the issue and the note given to the YEAR LEVEL COORDINATOR.

**If a child is out of uniform without a note:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> occasion parent/guardians will be contacted by their child’s form teacher through the diary.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> occasion the child will be sent to the Principal and supplied with second hand school uniform to wear and parent/guardian will be notified.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> occasion the child’s parent/guardian will be called and the child will be sent home to get changed. If the child is a bus traveller, their parents will be called and asked to bring to school the correct uniform items.

Students and parents will be reminded on a regular basis through year level meetings, Whole School Assemblies, student bulletins, XUNO App and the newsletter about what are correct uniform items and the consequences for not wearing correct uniform. The school will not accept a note for incorrect uniform longer than one month. If students are not in uniform after this time, they will be suspended until the matter is resolved.

## PE/SPORT UNIFORM

<b>Polo T-shirt</b>	Navy/red school polo t-shirt with school logo
<b>Singlet</b>	Navy/red singlet with school logo (Year 5-12 only)
<b>Shorts</b>	Navy shorts (Lycra tights are also acceptable)
<b>Pants</b>	Navy track pants
<b>Jumper</b>	Unisex green/navy rugby jumper with school logo
<b>Shoes</b>	Runners

### PREP – YEAR 4

On the days that Prep – Year 4 students have PE scheduled, students can wear the school sport uniform to school with their runners. Alternatively they can wear the regular school uniform with black shoes or change into their runners for the lesson. All Prep – Year 4 students will require a school sports t-shirt for whole school/ interschool sports events.

### YEAR 5-12

Students in Years 5-12 are required to change out of their school uniform into the preferred school sports uniform for all PE/SPORT classes. However students with PE/SPORT in Period 1 may wear their sports clothes to school but must change to the regular school uniform after that class. Students with PE/SPORT in period 7 wear their sports clothes home.

**Students in Year 5-12 who have an incorrect change of clothes with or without a note will still be required to participate in PE/SPORT class.**

- **The PE/SPORT uniform or house sports colours (Broadway = Red, Calder = Blue) is compulsory to wear on school house sports days and for any inter-school/state championships.**

### Consequences for not wearing the correct school sports uniform on school house sports days and inter-school/state championships:

- Students failing to comply may be given the correct sports uniform items to wear and/or may not be allowed to participate in sporting activities. This will be at the discretion of the Principal/Year Level Coordinator and/or Sports Teacher.

During the P-4 Swimming program, students must wear a top/rashie that covers their shoulders.

**\*Students may swim without a rash top/t-shirt whilst swimming competitively in school swimming sports.**

## OTHER

- **HAT-** During Term 1 and 4 all students are required to wear a blue broad brimmed school hat whenever outdoors. Depending on the prevailing weather conditions, these requirements may be extended into early Term 2 and late Term 3. This is the only acceptable hat to be worn during school events unless specified by a member of staff. More details regarding hats can be found in the school's 'SunSmart Policy'.
- **BEANIE AND SCARF-** During winter months students may wear a beanie and/or scarf. Both items are to be either solely navy in colour and contain no visible branding or designs or students may choose to wear the School Logo Beanie. **Beanies & Hats are not to be worn during school assembly.**
- **HAIR-** Hairstyles must be neat and clean. For hygiene and safety reasons, all hair that is of shoulder length or longer is to be tied up. Hair obstructing vision must be pinned away from the face. All hair ornamentations should be kept to a minimum and may include ribbons and elastic bands. It is preferred that these are in the school colours of navy, bottle green or white or natural hair colour.
- **JEWELLERY-** In order to comply with Workplace Health and Safety Guidelines and to maintain high standards of appearance jewellery is to be kept to a minimum. Students may wear a watch and sleeper and/or simple stud earrings. Jewellery may not be allowed in classes where safety is an issue.
- **NAIL POLISH-** Nail polish is permitted but for hygiene and safety reasons must not be worn for Home Economics classes. Students will be asked to remove nail polish if they are wearing it in this class. This reflects current real-life work practices.

### Uniform Free Days

On specified days students may be permitted to wear free dress as part of a fundraising effort for charities, etc. Students need to wear appropriately modest clothing, inappropriate clothing must not be worn. The usual safety regulations regarding the wearing of closed in shoes and SunSmart clothing still applies.

### Excursions

To ensure the safety of all students when they are away from the school property, it is school policy that only students' in school uniform may attend excursions unless otherwise organised. Students out of uniform on the day of the excursion will remain at school.

### NCTTC- Year 9, VCAL and VET subjects

Students attending NCTTC to complete subjects are expected to wear Wycheproof P-12 College school uniform unless their class teacher has notified students otherwise. If students are completing practical classes they must adhere to Health and Safety requirements.

**This policy was last ratified by School Council: 03.02.2021**