Uniform Policy

Rationale:

Western Cape College is a uniform school because the Parents and Citizens’ Association, representing the parents of this school, has decided to support the wearing of a school uniform.

The Minister for Education has stated that the advantages of wearing school uniforms “include developing a sense of belonging to a group, pride in membership of that group, and identification of students travelling to and from school … where uniforms are supported by the majority of parents it is expected that all parents ensure their children wear the school uniform.” This is our expectation, and we urge all parents to support the accepted standard of dress as detailed below by ensuring that their students wear the correct and appropriate Western Cape College uniform.

If for any reason your child is out of uniform on a particular day, you will need to send a note with your student to be taken to their appropriate class teacher or the Administration Office.

Male/Female Day Uniform:

- **Shirts:** Royal blue and grey with College logo.
- **Shorts:** Black or royal blue only. (Logos, boardies or similar are unacceptable).
- **Senior School Shirts:** (Yr 11-12 only) are in a different style and are sold through FlexiSchools and the College Uniform Shop.

Formal Uniform: A prerequisite for students representing the College on formal occasions (including assemblies, academic events and leadership events) is to wear the formal uniform. The formal uniforms are sold through FlexiSchools and the College Uniform Shop.

- **Male** – Navy blue trousers or shorts, White shirt with WCC logo, WCC tie, black closed in shoes and white socks.
- **Female** – Navy skirt, White blouse with WCC logo, WCC tie, black closed in shoes and white socks.

Representative Uniform: Representative shirt and black shorts. Representative shirts can be purchased through FlexiSchools and the College Uniform Shop.

Male/Female House Uniform:

- **Weipa Campus:**
  - Weipa has three Houses. Your child will be notified of their House in the first few weeks of school - all siblings are in the same House.
  - **DUYFKEN:** Royal blue/red.
  - **EVANS:** Blue/maroon.
  - **FLINDERS:** Green/gold.
  - **House Shorts:** Black only. (Logos, boardies or similar are unacceptable).

  **Mapoon Campus:**
  - **Sports Shirt:** Green with black motif.
  - **Sports Shorts:** Black only. (Logos, boardies or similar are unacceptable).

NOTE: Damaged or defaced uniform items will need to be cleaned or repaired. If for any reason cleaning does not remove the damage, the item will need to be replaced by parents or care givers.

Footwear:

Education Department and Workplace Health and Safety instructions clearly state that students’ footwear must provide adequate protection and cover the entire feet. The only acceptable footwear is fully enclosed shoes. Footwear such as thongs, sandals, crocs and open work shoes shall NOT be worn. Students who do not comply will be required
to change footwear in order to gain access to specialist rooms. Enclosed footwear is also important for safety requirements in the school grounds as well.

**Hats:**

In line with Education Queensland’s policy and legislation, hats (broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire) are required and are essential for all students. A ‘no hat no play’ policy is enforced across the College. Baseball caps, which provide little or no protection for ears and neck, are not acceptable. (Refer to *Sun Smart Policy*).

**Purchasing Information:**

Weipa Campus hats and all uniforms can be purchased at the College Uniform Shop and through FlexiSchools.

**Swimming:**

All WCC students are required to wear a swim shirt whilst participating in College swimming lessons. If a swim shirt is not provided then students will not be allowed to participate in the class. (Refer to *Sun Smart Policy*).

**Jewellery:**

It is the expectation of Western Cape College that students learn safely in a variety of different teaching environments. WCC expects the support of parents to ensure the highest safety standards by making sure that students’ wear minimal jewellery while at school.

Some jewellery and fashion items are unacceptable in a variety of situations as they pose a workplace health and safety risk to the student. A commonsense approach to jewellery will prevent accidents from occurring at school.

Make-up, nail polish and jewellery are not part of the school uniform and must not be worn. Girls may wear a wrist watch, signet ring, a simple silver or gold neck chain and one pair of small, fine, plain, round silver or gold sleeper or studs in the lower ear lobes. Boys may wear a wrist watch, a simple silver or gold neck chain and one single piercing in a lower ear lobe. Hairstyles must be neat, tidy and conservative. Extreme hairstyles, unnatural colours or substances used to spike the hair are not permitted. If hair is long on boys or girls, it is to be tied and secured off the neck with a hair band.

In an instance where student jewellery is identified as a potential risk, the expectation is that the student will remove the item. Students are responsible for the storage of items removed.

**Out of Uniform:**

- Student to report to appropriate Administration Office or class teacher at the commencement of form, lessons or parade.
- Provide a note from home explaining the variation to uniform and the period for which this condition will exist.
- Students must carry the signed and dated out of uniform slip for the remainder of each out of uniform day to show to teachers during and between classes.
- If all protocols are followed by the student, no other action should be necessary.
- If no note is provided details will be entered on the student database as a record.