

Rationale:

Western Cape College is a uniform school. The Western Cape College, Weipa Campus Parents and Citizens' Association, representing the parents of this school, has decided to support the wearing of a school uniform.

We believe that the wearing of uniform assists in developing a sense of belonging to the school. The pride in wearing the uniform will add to the school tone. It will encourage positive attitudes that will carry over into the classroom and other learning environments such as the workforce where uniforms are common and non-negotiable. It provides identification of students travelling to and from school. The parents support the uniforms, and it is an expectation that all students wear the correct 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.

Covered Footwear:

The 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.

Male/Female Day Uniform:

- Shirts:** Royal blue and grey with College logo
- Shorts:** WCC shorts. (Logos, boardies or similar are unacceptable)
- Seniors Shirt (Yrs 11-12 only):** is in a different style to the day uniform
- Year 6 Leadership Shirt:** is in a different style to the day uniform
- Year 12 Senior Shirt:** is in a different style to the day uniform

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:** WCC shorts. (Logos, boardies or similar are unacceptable)



Mapoon Campus:

- Sports Shirt:** Green with black motif
- Sports Shorts:** WCC shorts. (Logos, boardies or similar are unacceptable)

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.

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:

Students must wear the Representative Uniform when they are travelling to and from Weipa for extra-curricular activities.

Male and Female: Representative shirt and WCC shorts.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

It is a prerequisite for students participating in specialist subjects to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as part of the uniform. This change has been introduced to ensure student safety.

Subjects requiring PPE:

Year 10	
ITD- Introduction to Automotive	Long Sleeve High Vis WCC Shirt Steel Toe Safety Boots
Cert II Engineering Pathways	Long Sleeve High Vis WCC Shirt Steel Toe Safety Boots Long Cotton Drill Work Pants
Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management	Long Sleeve High Vis WCC Shirt Steel Toe Safety Boots Long Cotton Drill Work Pants
Year 11 and 12	
Cert II in Automotive Vocational Preparation	Long Sleeve High Vis WCC Shirt Steel Toe Safety Boots
Cert II Engineering Pathways	Long Sleeve High Vis WCC Shirt Steel Toe Safety Boots Long Cotton Drill Work Pants
Cert II Construction Pathways	Long Sleeve High Vis WCC Shirt Steel Toe Safety Boots

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 caregivers.

Hats:

In line with Education Queensland's policy and legislation, hats (broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire) are required and are essential for all students. **HAT + SHOES = PLAY.**

Purchasing Information:

Weipa Campus Day and Sports Uniforms, hats, Seniors School shirts, Formal Uniforms, Representative shirts and the WCC long sleeved high vis work shirts can be purchased from the College's Uniform Shop or online via [Flexischools](#).

Personal Protective long cotton drill work pants and steel toed boots for specialist subjects can be purchased from Weipa Traders in the Heritage Shopping Complex, Weipa or Mitre 10 at Evans Landing.

Swimming:

All WCC students are encouraged to wear a swim shirt whilst participating in College swimming lessons.

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.

Students may wear a wristwatch, signet ring, a simple neck chain and plain sleepers or studs.

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 homeroom teacher, class teacher or to the administration office at the commencement of the school day.
- 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 note or ID Attend slip for the remainder of each out of uniform day to show to teachers during and between classes.
- If the student follows all protocols, no other action should be necessary.
- If no note is provided details will be entered on OneSchool as a record.
- Several unexplained breaches of uniform will result in follow up contact with parents to source an appropriate school uniform.
- Further non-compliance by the student may result in disciplinary action.
- Students may also be asked to go home and change into their school uniform after a phone call home.

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