



COWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL SCHOOL UNIFORM GUIDELINES

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Purpose:

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instills recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. A school uniform should reflect school community standards and expectations and should be developed in consultation with, and agreed upon, by the school community. Careful selection of a school uniform can contribute to the health and safety of students when engaged in school activities.

Aim:

- To promote equality amongst all students
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community

Implementation

- Cowra Public School has a duty to require a standard of dress in the educational setting to fulfil work, health and safety legislative requirements which includes, but is not limited to the following;
 - students are required to wear appropriate footwear, eyewear or other protective clothing so as to avoid injury
 - students are required to wear a wide-brimmed school hat for outside activities in line with the school's "Sun-safe Procedures"
 - students are not to wear jewellery that could cause an injury to themselves or other students. Studs, sleepers and watches are considered appropriate jewellery and may be worn.
- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
- To comply with equal opportunity and anti-discrimination legislation, uniforms must enable both sexes to participate actively, safely and comfortably in all aspects of school life.
- To assist all families to have their children in school uniform, the Cowra Public School P&C has organised a clothing pool which provides second hand clothing and uniform exchange services. This is located in the school canteen.
- Parents will be advised about ways that they can access financial support if they are unable to purchase uniform items. Even when these support structures are in place the school recognises that some families may have misgivings about having to apply for financial support or receive second-hand clothing and will deal with these families individually in a sensitive and understanding manner.
- The school has purchased a number of ties and blazers for use by students with a representative role in the school.
- The school has the right to ask for students to be dressed in full school uniform for important functions including but not limited to choir performances where presentation is a component of judging, ANZAC Day march, public speaking competitions, debating and other community events.

- For most single day excursions, students are required to be in full school uniform. The school provides a bank of uniforms which can be borrowed for the purpose of attending an excursion, however these must be returned to the school by the end of the day.
- Parents and school staff should actively promote the wearing of the school uniform by focusing on its benefits.
- The dress code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions, unless otherwise advised.
- The student dress code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the dress code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability or health condition must apply in writing to the Principal.

Strategies to recognise and encourage the wearing of uniforms

- The school will use a number of positive approaches to recognise and encourage students who wear school uniform. These may include:
 - formal recognition of groups of students at assemblies or by other means
 - reference to the uniform as part of recognition and promotion of the spirit of the school
 - personal letters of acknowledgement to parents and students from the principal
 - positive comments in school reports about individual students who support the school ethos, have pride in their school and represent it well
- Class points are awarded during morning assembly for full school uniform (primary)
- Reminders to students in practical classes that standards of dress have been agreed upon for the health and safety of students; for example the wearing of a hat during PE
- Staff modelling of those standards
- Involvement of Student Representative Council (SRC) in promoting school uniforms
- Except in cases involving work, health and safety issues, no student will have their access to learning reduced because they are out of uniform. This includes their continued participation in essential curriculum activities. If there is no access to appropriate clothing, alternative educational activities will be provided

Strategies that may be used to assist individual students resistant to wearing school uniform

- Speaking to the student (in private) to encourage wearing of the school uniform
- Providing a verbal reminder and/or warning to student
- Providing advice to the parents via a phone call or letter from the principal or executive
- Inviting parents to the school to discuss the situation with the principal or executive
- Providing a uniform for the student via Uniform Clothing Pool/P&C Uniform 'Buy-back' program.
- Negotiating an appropriate course of action with the student and parents.

Cowra Public School Uniform

Summer General School Uniform

Boys

- grey shorts or long grey trousers
- blue short sleeved button up shirt
- grey socks
- black shoes
- CPS school bucket hat with/without elastic insert
- CPS tie is optional

Girls

- blue and white check with yellow stripe “princess” style dress with collar side pocket, no belt
- white socks
- black shoes
- black sports tights underneath
- CPS school bucket hat with/without elastic insert

OR

- navy blue dress shorts
- white collared shirt
- white socks
- black shoes
- CPS school bucket hat with/without elastic insert

Winter General School Uniform

Boys

- grey shorts or long grey trousers
- blue long sleeved button up shirt
- grey socks
- black shoes
- CPS royal blue polar fleece jumper
- CPS royal blue and gold jacket
- CPS beanie or school bucket hat with/without elastic insert
- CPS tie is optional

Girls

- blue tartan pinafore
- white long-sleeved button up shirt
- CPS royal blue polar fleece jumper
- CPS royal blue polar and gold jacket
- white socks or navy stockings/tights
- black shoes
- CPS Beanie or school bucket hat with/without elastic insert
- CPS tie is optional

OR

- navy blue dress pants
- white long-sleeved button up shirt
- CPS royal blue polar fleece jumper
- CPS royal blue polar and gold jacket

- white socks or navy stockings/tights
- black shoes
- CPS Beanie or school bucket hat with/without elastic insert
- CPS tie is optional

Physical Education/Sport

Summer - Boys and Girls

- CPS royal blue polo sports shirt
- navy shorts or a navy netball skirt (no visible logo) with black sports pants worn underneath
- white socks
- sports shoes
- CPS school bucket hat with/without elastic insert

Winter - Boys and Girls

- navy blue tracksuit pants – no visible logo
- CPS royal blue polo sports shirt
- CPS royal blue polar fleece jumper
- CPS royal blue and gold jacket
- white socks
- sports shoes
- CPS school bucket hat with/without elastic insert

**** Students who represent CPS school at Western or State PSSA competition may wear representative merchandise (shirts, jumpers, socks) on Friday Sport day only.**

Related Documents:

NSW Department of Education School Uniform Policy - <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/school-uniform-policy>

School Uniforms in NSW Government Schools - <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/associated-documents/schuniforms.pdf>

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** This policy was amended to include shorts and pants options for girls according to the updated NSW Department of Education School Uniform Policy, 27th July 2018 and accepted at Cowra Public School P&C Meeting on 20th March 2019.