



What is a Student Dress Code?

Our *Student Dress Code* is an agreed standard of dress for students who attend *Coolnwynpin State School*. The uniform for students was developed through a consultation process with parents, caregivers, staff and the wider community. The dress code also covers other aspects of personal presentation of students.

Statement of Intent

The *Student Dress Code* applies to all students every day, including:

- Attending or representing *Coolnwynpin State School*.
- Travelling to and from school.
- Engaging in school activities out of school hours including school excursions.

Aims of the Code

Our uniform aims to contribute to a safe, disciplined and supportive learning environment through:

- Ready identification of students and non-students at school.
- Fostering a strong sense of belonging.
- Developing a mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic or social difference.
- Being *Sun Smart*.
- Being respectful of cultural requirements.

Relaxation of the Code

From time to time, the school will organise free dress days for students. These activities are usually coordinated by the *Student Council* or the *P&C* as an awareness or fundraising activity. On these occasions, students are permitted to wear acceptable and reasonable clothing instead of their uniform. Examples of activities include:

- Free dress days, fundraising/ awareness days, discos and other functions.
- Camps.

Inappropriate clothing, jewellery or accessories cannot be worn at any time, this applies to:

- Any clothing, accessories, jewellery or apparel worn by students that is deemed to be offensive, unsafe or likely to disrupt normal school management.
- Clothing must be *Sun Smart* and cover the shoulders and torso and be at least mid-thigh length for sun safety requirements.
- Plain black bike pants or similar may be worn when competing in athletic events.

Senior shirts may be worn by students in Year 6 as an alternative to the official school polo. The Senior Shirt cannot be worn for formal occasions such as:

- Attending off-site activities/events where the official *Coolnwynpin State School* uniform shirt is required.

Special Circumstances

Our *Student Dress Code* incorporates strategies to accommodate special needs and circumstances of students. These arrangements are negotiated between the parent/caregiver and the Principal. Examples of special circumstances may include:

- Student's medical conditions (allergies etc.) or physical attributes or requirements.
- Cultural beliefs and requirements.
- Economic hardship can be discussed with the Principal.

School Hats

Our school has introduced a *Sun Smart* hat for all students. This hat is available for purchase from the *Uniform Shop*. Wearing of the *Coolwynpin State School* hat is compulsory and is considered part of the uniform which students are expected to have at school every day.

Jewellery, body piercing and Markings

Coolwynpin State School has set standards on jewellery that is acceptable for students to wear. This includes:

- Earrings: plain studs (small gold or silver studs with no shape or stone inserts) and small sleepers (gold or silver up to 12mm) only. A maximum of 2 earrings/earlobe. Earrings that hang or can get caught are not safe for school activities and cannot be worn.
- All jewellery is to be removed for organised sports.
- Watch (which has no capacity for recording, taking photos, making phone calls or text messages).
- Fingernails can be coated with clear varnish only, no acrylic nails permitted.

The following items of jewellery or markings are not acceptable at *Coolwynpin State School*. They include:

- Facial or visible body piercings including nose studs or sleepers.
- Necklaces (with the exception of a medical necklace).
- Bracelets/anklets/wristbands (with the exception of a medical bracelet).
- Rings.
- Tattoos or body markings.

Special consideration for specific pieces of jewellery (based on religious or cultural grounds) can be sought by discussing your needs with the Principal.

Responsibilities

Our students are required to:

- Wear the agreed school uniform on a daily basis.
- Be of a neat and tidy appearance at all times, including hair of shoulder length or greater to be pulled back off the face in a single *pony tail* or dual *piggy tails* or similar using a school-coloured hair band or ribbon.
- Wear enclosed shoes as per agreement.
- Wear the uniform when representing *Coolwynpin State School* in community activities.

Parents/Caregivers are responsible for:

- Purchasing and maintaining sufficient pieces of school uniform for their children.
- Ensuring that their children wear the correct uniform to school each day as required.
- Ensuring that their children meet the aspects of personal presentation outlined in this document.
- Providing a written explanation to class teachers for their children being out of uniform on every occasion and completing an *Application for Exemption* form, submitted to the Principal for exceptional circumstances prior to student attending school.

The P&C association is responsible for:

- Consulting with the school community regarding uniform information.
- Managing an appropriate strategy for consultation around uniform changes including opportunities for feedback and display of proposed changes.

The Principal is responsible for:

- Managing strategies to support the *Student Dress Code*.
- Consistent application of the *Student Dress Code*.
- Communication with the *P&C Association* and the school community.
- Contacting Parents/Caregivers when a *Level Two Student Dress Code Breach* is issued to their child.
- Providing the *Student Dress Code* and its application comply with both the *Department of Education* and the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006*.

Teachers are responsible for:

- Consulting with the school community regarding uniform information.
- Expecting all students to wear their correct uniform each day.
- Communicating to parents/caregivers any uniform breaches.
- Notify the Principal of the need to contact families after issuing a *Level Two Student Dress Code Violation* regarding repeated or significant breaches of the *Student Dress Code*.

School Uniform Shop

The *Uniform Shop* is operated by the *Coolnwynpin State School P&C Association*.

Information on school uniforms and quality second hand uniforms can be found on the P&C website at www.coolnwynpinsspandc.com.au. Or you can email the P&C on uniforms@coolnwynpinsspandc.com.au.

- Donations of uniforms are gratefully accepted.
- Please label all uniform items clearly with your child's name.
- There is a *Lost Property* trolley at the *Administration Building* for lost, nonlabelled pieces of clothing.

Emergency Clothing

The *School Office* maintains an emergency supply of student uniforms. These are not for sale to families but are used to assist students when necessary.

Sanctions

Our school community supports the application of the following sanctions for breaches of the *Student Dress Code*. These include:

- Preventing students from attending or participating in any activity for which they represent the school
- *Providing Student Dress Code Breach* or verbal communication to parents/caregivers of children who do not meet the requirements of the *Student Dress Code*.
- Punitive consequences as a result of not meeting the requirements of the *Student Dress Code* will only be administered by the Principal or delegate and only in circumstances where the student is in direct breach of the *Student Dress Code*.
- Initially, families will be notified via a *Level One Student Dress Code Breach* where their child does not meet the requirements explained in the *Student Dress Code*. This gives the family an opportunity to correct any item that has been identified by the next day. If there is an issue, Parents/Caregivers are to contact the Principal to arrange a workable solution.
- On the second occasion, families will be notified via a *Level Two Student Dress Code Breach* for not meeting the requirements explained in the *Student Dress Code*. This will be followed up by the Principal to arrange a meeting to workable solution.
- On cooler days, any student who is wearing a non-uniform jumper will not be asked to remove it, but may be offered a clean replacement jumper if available.

Community endorsement of the Code


The *Coolnwynpin State School P&C Association* resolves that it supports this *Student Dress Code*. The *Coolnwynpin State School P&C Association* believes that a student dress code promotes the objectives of the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* through providing a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment by:

- Providing ready identification of students and non-students at school.
- Eliminating distraction of competing in dress and fashion at school and fostering mutual respect among students through minimising visible evidence of economic or social difference.
- Fostering a strong sense of belonging and school spirit.

Contact

For more information on the *Coolnwynpin State School Student Dress Code*, please contact the Principal.

Our Uniform at a Glance

Item	Student Uniform
Daily uniform worn all week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ School logo polo shirt. ▪ Bottle green shorts, skorts or skirts. ▪ Plain white crew length socks (no visible branding, markings or colours). ▪ Predominantly black closed in school shoes (no additional colours including laces). 
Senior shirt	<p><i>Senior Shirts</i> may be worn by students in Year 6 as an alternative to the official school polo. The <i>Senior Shirt</i> cannot be worn for formal occasions where the official <i>Coolwynpin State School</i> uniform shirt is required.</p>
Sports shirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Red (<i>Grevillea Galahs</i>), Blue (<i>Banksia Bluetongues</i>) or Purple (<i>Hovea Hammerheads</i>) school sports shirts may be worn on Fridays.
Cooler weather additions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Coolwynpin State School</i> bottle green school logo zip up jacket. ▪ Any plain bottle green jumper, cardigan or jacket. ▪ Plain bottle green full length tracksuit pants (no visible logos or markings permitted). ▪ A plain white or black long-sleeved shirt worn under the uniform is permitted (not to be worn in isolation). ▪ Plain bottle green or black tights/leggings are permitted to be worn under approved uniform items and must not be worn in isolation.
Hats and sunscreen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The reversable school logo bucket hat is compulsory (no hat, no play policy). ▪ It is recommended that students apply sunscreen at home each day prior to attending school. ▪ Add a small tube of sunscreen in your child's school bag that they can apply during breaks.
Hair items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ribbons, hair bands, hair ties and accessories should be in school colours (bottle green, yellow or black) only.
Hair requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hair must be groomed for school each day being neat and tidy. ▪ Shoulder length or longer hair needs to be tied back. ▪ A socially conservative appearance is expected. ▪ No bright hair colouring. ▪ Hairstyles that are deemed unacceptable to the school community include <i>Mohawks, Rats Tails, Horsies, Tracks</i> and shaved undercuts.
Nails and cosmetics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No coloured nail polish or acrylic nails. ▪ Visible make-up is not permitted. ▪ Students wearing make-up or nail polish will be provided with resources to remove it immediately and the parent/caregiver will be contacted.
Non-compliance to <i>Coolwynpin State School Student Dress Code</i>	<p>Students unable to wear an item of the correct uniform must comply with the following procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students may be provided with replacement items for use. These need to be washed and returned. ▪ Initially, families will be notified via a <i>Level One Student Dress Code Breach</i> where their child does not meet the requirements explained in the <i>Student Dress Code</i>. This gives the family an opportunity to correct any item that has been identified by the next day. If there is an issue, Parents/Caregivers are to contact the Principal to arrange a workable solution. ▪ On the second occasion, families will be notified via a <i>Level Two Student Dress Code Breach</i> for not meeting the requirements explained in the <i>Student Dress Code</i>. This will be followed up by the Principal to arrange a meeting to workable solution. ▪ If the student attire is not deemed appropriate, the Parent/Caregiver will be contacted and requested to bring an alternative option to the school.