



# WHITEBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

## UNIFORM NEWS

The Whitebridge High School uniform has been under review for the past two years with feedback sought from students, parents and teachers. We have now finalised this review and have introduced changes ready to start the school year for 2020. It has been fabulous to have students engage in this process so openly and make suggestions about what they like and dislike about the current uniform and how they would like to see this improved. You may have noticed a couple of recent surveys released to parents in relation to what you see as being the most important considerations about uniform and the suggested alternatives for the sports polo. Whitebridge High School newsletters and Facebook have communicated this regularly throughout this year and I would like to thank the community and P&C for their input into this process within our school.

As a result, Whitebridge High School has entered into a new uniform partnership with Alinta Australia to supply uniforms from the beginning of 2020. Our Year 6 families have already started attending fitting days with Alinta in preparation for Year 7, 2020. Until the end of the year current families can still continue to purchase from Lowes, or can also start to order from Alinta. Please note that any items ordered from Alinta will not be ready until January 2020. The process for purchasing items from Alinta is an online ordering system. The school has a size set of all uniform items on site and students may try these on at any time during the school day. Parents can call the school to make an appointment for a full fitting if required. The school has a fitting room and an electronic kiosk set up in the office for families to try on and order uniforms or families may choose to order online from home. All items of clothing will be delivered twice weekly to the school office, or parents may wish to have them delivered to home for an extra cost. Information regarding pricing, returns and warranty is available on the school's Facebook page and website under "About our School", "Rules and Policies", "Dress Code". Please use this link to find out more information regarding Alinta. <https://www.alintaapparel.com.au/>

What's new? We have a new design for our sports polo shirt that can be worn on sports days only. We have also added some trim to the junior and senior girls' blouses and changed the hem style so it can be worn nicely over the top of the skirt. We can now offer students a soft shell jacket as part of the winter uniform which will add extra warmth in the colder months. Senior students now have the option of an everyday unisex white polo shirt or cotton shirt. We have re-designed the following items: school track pants, sports shorts, girls' shorts and grey winter pants and have the same existing items of junior boys' uniform.

All uniforms purchased from Lowes will remain acceptable items of uniform at Whitebridge High School. We understand that some parents may have purchased current style sports polo shirts from Lowes. These will be acceptable as part of the sport uniform until parents need to replace them. New uniforms will be phased in over a period of time where we will have a mix of 'old' and 'new' uniforms. Parents are not required to purchase new uniforms until their children requires new items of clothing. As always, please contact the school if you need financial assistance.

Footwear is an important safety item. Good soles provide a sound grip on the floor preventing accidents such as slips, trips and falls from occurring. Footwear can also protect feet from damage caused by accidents such as falling objects or chemical spillages. These guidelines have been developed to assist NSW government schools in providing a safe working and learning environment. Safe footwear is a requirement of the schools work health and safety policies.

In accordance with the Safe Working Policy, the Department has identified areas of its workplaces where appropriate footwear must be worn by employees, students and visitors to ensure their safety.

Areas where enclosed leather footwear is required are:

- Industrial Arts and workshop areas
- Science laboratories
- Canteen or Food Technology (kitchen areas)

If students present for a class or activity with inappropriate footwear the student will not be able to participate in the practical lessons or workshops and will be offered alternative educational activities until they are wearing appropriate footwear. This is often very disappointing for students as these are highly engaging components of their lessons.

The above list is not exhaustive. Appropriate safe footwear is also a requirement in visual arts and related areas or activities, where floors can't always be kept dry or clean, the right footwear is especially important, to minimise the risk of slips and falls.

Parents are asked to please ensure students are wearing correct leather footwear to school to maximise student safety and to ensure students are able to participate in the full range of learning experiences. If you require financial assistance to ensure your child is able to have correct footwear, please contact the HT wellbeing Mrs Louise Smailes for an application for student assistance.

**Correct footwear** - For use with our school uniform – fully enclosed solid black leather shoes. For safety shoes must not have a platform. The leather must cover the whole foot for safety.



### Whitebridge High School Boys Uniform 7-10



Whitebridge High School  
Girls Uniform 7-10



Whitebridge High School  
Sports Uniform 7-12



Girls Style Sports Polo



Girls Style Shorts



Boys Style Sports Polo



Boys Style Shorts



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Boys Uniform 11-12



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Girls Uniform 11-12

