



# WHITEBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

*Learning, Respect and Responsibility*

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

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### School Uniform Agreement

At Whitebridge High School (WHS) we consider the wearing of uniform to be important for a number of educational, social and safety reasons. The wearing of uniform is important to enhance students' sense of belonging, for child protection issues, student pride in our school and to support the public's positive perception of the school.

The Department of Education supports the wearing of school uniforms. Our school uniform policy, has been endorsed by the student representative council (SRC), staff and the school P&C Association. The Department of Education refers to the importance of school uniform in its six core rules that apply to all students in NSW government schools and states that students should "maintain a neat appearance, including adhering to the requirements of the school's uniform or dress code policy."

We trust that your child will support our uniform code and respect the endorsement of the uniform policy by our school community. Should students not wear the correct uniform to school, there will be consequences in accordance to school policy. We seek your assistance of our expectation that all students of Whitebridge High School wear full school uniform each day they attend school. Students who, for whatever reason are unable to wear correct uniform must present a note to the Deputy Principal explaining the reason and where possible they will be provided uniform for the day.

Where financial assistance is required, parents are encouraged to make an application through the school's HT Wellbeing.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Nadene Harvey

Principal

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*Please complete and return to Administration Office with your enrolment documentation*

**Uniform Agreement**

*Student's Name:* ..... Year ....., agrees to abide by the Whitebridge High School Uniform Policy and wear full school uniform each day. We understand the important role of uniform in Whitebridge High School's positive image in the community as well as the educational, social and safety issues related to the wearing of uniform. We understand that there will be consequences for students who continue to breach the school uniform policy.

Parent/Caregiver's Signature: .....

Student's Signature: .....

Date: .....

## Junior Uniform (Years 7 to 10)



WBH Blouse S/S Green PC 7-10



WBH Polo Formal Uni Green CB 7-10



WBH Skirt Tartan Pleated PV 7-10



WBH Short Formal Girl Charcoal 7-12



WBH Shirt S/S Green Boys PC 7-10



WBH Polo Formal Uni Green CB 7-10



WBH Shorts EB Boys LG 7-12



WBH Trousers EB FF C (G) 7-12

## Senior Uniform (Years 11 & 12)



WBH Blouse S/S White 11-12



WBH Skirt Grey PV 11-12



WBH Short Formal Girl Charcoal 7-12



WBH Pants Formal Girl Charcoal 7-12



WBH Shirt S/S White Boys PC 11-12



WBH Polo Formal Boys W CB 11-12



WBH Shorts EB Boys LG 7-12



WBH Trousers EB FF C (G) 7-12

## Sports Uniform



WBH Polo Sport Boys CB 7-12



WBH Short Sport SMF B Boys 7-12



WBH Polo Sport Girls CB 7-12



WBH Short Sport SMF B Ladies 7-12



WBH Track Pants SMF B 7-12

## Outerwear



WBH Jumper Fleece Bottle Uni 7-12



WBH Jacket Softshell Bottle Uni 7-12

## FOOTWEAR REQUIREMENTS

The school must abide with the Work Health and Safety rules that are now law in all Department of Education schools across the state. When purchasing your child's footwear, use the following images as a general guide.

All shoes **MUST** be fully enclosed black leather shoes. Our uniform code states that these shoes are to be worn on all school days except sport days (Years 7 & 8 Tuesday's, Years 9 & 10 Thursday's). Full leather shoes must be worn for any practical subjects on sports days.

**Correct footwear** - For use with our school uniform – fully enclosed black leather shoes with no alternate coloured logos, branding or soles. For safety shoes must not have a platform. The leather must cover the whole foot for safety.



**Incorrect footwear** - Due to Work health and Safety policy and the safety of your child, slip on shoes and shoes that do not cover the whole foot are **NOT** acceptable.



**Correct footwear for sport** - Sport shoes should be leather lace up or Velcro. Shoes should be supportive of feet during exercise. The whole of the upper foot must have a solid cover.



**Incorrect Sports Shoes** – Slip on sports shoes are **NOT PERMITTED**, these include canvas shoes as they are not supportive or appropriate for sport and PE.



## WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY

### Workplace safety in our school

Our school is a workplace like many others, and in our workplace all students and staff are expected to adhere to safety standards. In addition to our regular curriculum classrooms, our school site operates learning spaces and equipment consistent with the following specialised industries (Construction, Metals and Engineering, Textiles, Commercial Cookery, Graphics, Visual Arts and Design, Chemical and Research Science) and as such has specific requirements around protective equipment and clothing.

Safety in any workplace is a fundamental responsibility for us all.

Our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Learning apply to all areas of our school inclusive of staff and student safety and in the interest of safety we ask:

That students respect the requirements of workplace safety for all persons in the workplace and adhere to these requirements by wearing the school's uniform which complies with the industry standards. Please respect that teachers must enforce workplace safety and personal protective equipment inclusive of footwear.

That students take personal responsibility for ensuring they have all safety equipment inclusive of black leather shoes to enter specialist classrooms.

That students prioritise their learning by ensuring they have the correct equipment. This is essential so that they are enabled to participate in the full range of learning experiences in specialised learning spaces. Students without correct safety equipment will not be able to participate in specialist learning spaces and will be provided an alternate activity.

#### INDUSTRY STANDARDS

Safety equipment can be quite specialised for each industry. In principle, equipment covers the safety protections to minimise a range of risks.



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Different Industries have specific requirements regarding protective equipment. Our school encompasses a range of industries and hence we have worked with our school community, inclusive of students, staff and parents to develop a uniform that meets the safety standards. This is further supplemented with specific additional items provided by the school to keep everyone safe and minimise the risk of injuries across a range of curriculum areas and specialist rooms.

**Foot Protection** – fully enclosed black leather shoes minimise risk of falling or rolling objects, sharps, tools or heavy objects, wet and slippery surfaces, hot surfaces & liquids, chemical spills etc. **This is an essential requirement in all specialist classrooms, laboratories, workshops, kitchens and design studios.** Students not adhering to workplace safety standards will not be permitted to enter the area and may be required to select an alternate course of study.





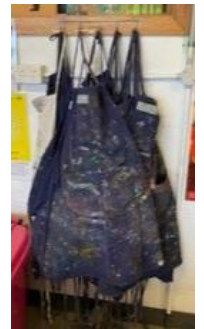
## Protective Clothing

Our uniform items have been carefully selected to provide appropriate coverage and quality of fabrics to:

- Repel spills – (Science Chemicals, Kitchens)
- Have low flammability – (Science, Kitchens, Industrial Workshops)
- Minimal loose items – (Technology workshops)
- Visibility – we are able to clearly identify our students by their uniform and hence we can quickly identify any person on site who is a visitor or any person who is not authorised to be there. (All areas of the school)



In addition to the school uniform items, additional protection is provided where appropriate such as aprons (Design Studios, Kitchens, workshops). School sports uniform is to be worn on the allocated sports day only and where access to specialised classrooms is required, students will require leather joggers or an alternate pair of leather school shoes. The materials and length of leg in the school sports shorts available through the school uniform shop have been selected for comfort and safety for the same reasons as identified above.



Ears & Eye Protection – such as safety glasses and face shields are provided to students when working in specialist areas





**Hand Protection** – A variety of protective gloves are provided as appropriate for individual learning tasks across a range of curriculum areas.

**Other** – Hair nets and / or hair ties are required where students may have a risk of hair getting caught in machinery & equipment or for food hygiene purposes. Jumpers etc with drawstrings are not permitted as they pose a risk of strings also getting caught in machinery, causing serious injury.



All students are required to adhere to the school's safety requirements which are facilitated through the school uniform policy.

Any family needing assistance to access school uniform, should make contact with the Head Teacher Wellbeing or the School Principal.

SMS messages will be sent home to notify parents when students are not adhering to the school's safety requirements for specialist areas.

Students will be offered an alternative activity if they do not adhere to the safety standards for entry into specialist classroom settings and learning activities.

Whitebridge High School appreciates your support to ensure our school worksite is safe for all students and staff.

The NSW Department of Education documents that support the Whitebridge High School safety guidelines include:

- WHS Policy
- Code of Conduct
- Student Discipline Policy
- School Uniforms in New South Wales Government Schools
- School Uniform Policy
- Footwear Guidelines for NSW Government Schools – Fact Sheet

Workplace Safety is everyone's responsibility, we seek your ongoing assistance in supporting safety at Whitebridge High School.