



HS007 - HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Name of policy / Number	HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE HS007
Policy context	Willunga Waldorf School is a co-educational school. The school's mission is to provide an education from early childhood to year 12, derived from a deep understanding and respect for the developing and unfolding human being, inspired by the work of Rudolf Steiner.
Purpose and scope	This policy provides an agreed standard of clothing for High School students (Years 8-12), who attend Willunga Waldorf School. The policy applies to all Willunga Waldorf High School students.
Currency	Commenced: October 2011 Recent review date: February 2022 Intended review date: February 2023 <i>(The policy remains operative until a review takes place and/or it is updated or terminated.)</i>
Approval authority	Leadership Group
Responsible officer(s)	High School Faculty Leader
Related policies and protocols	UN Conventions of the Rights of the Child Children's and Young People (Safety) ACT 2017 (SA) Equal Opportunity Act 1984 (SA) Education and Early Childhood Services (Registration and Standards) Act 2011 HS018 – Sun Safe Policy HS008 – Primary School Dress Code

1.0 Policy Statement

1.1 Willunga Waldorf School provides a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment for work and play. The dress code is an agreed standard of clothing for High School students who attend Willunga Waldorf School.

1.2 The dress code is designed to:

- Respond to the different developmental needs of age groups from K to 12.
- Support the health, safety and learning of students when involved in school activities
- Contribute to school pride, school identity in the community and preparation for future workplace expectations
- Foster a sense of belonging and school spirit
- Develop a mutual respect amongst students by minimising visible evidence of social or economic difference.
- Educate about social responsibility in consumer choice
- Provide for students regardless of gender identity, ethnicity or religion
- Allow for individual expression within an agreed standard.

2.0 Procedures

2.1 *Clothing items not allowed*

The following items are not allowed to be worn by High School students:

- Drug, alcohol, sexual or gambling references on clothing
- Violent images or images unsuitable in a K to 12 school catering for five year olds and up.
- Obscene language or swear words on clothing
- Singlets, tank tops or sleeves that expose shoulders
- Clothing that does not cover from shoulder to top of thigh
- Thongs, heels and ugg boots
- Temporary and other tattoos (teacher discretion applies to henna designs at festival times)
- Clothing unsuitable for curriculum subjects in safety and design
- Fake nails
- Makeup that is not subtle
- Eye make up more than 1cm past the eye, or 1cm above the eyebrow.
- Hair that falls across the face
- See through materials
- More than one small rip on any piece of clothing
- Uncovered undergarments including fishnets, footless tights and camisoles.

2.2 ***Specific clothing items***

The following items are allowed within the following guidelines:

- **Clothing** – Clothing must cover students from shoulder and neckline to the top of the thigh, with or without a collar. Midriff and back (Kidney area) must be covered at all times. Minimum sleeve length must be over the shoulders at all times.
- **Piercings** – Small sleepers and studs only in ears. No more than two discreet facial piercings are allowed. The piercing must be a stud or in the case of an eyebrow piercing a simple bar with a small stud-like rounded ends, no sharp points. One nose ring and one septum piercing is allowed.
- **Shoes** – To provide for safe, active play, movement and sport, shoes must be closed in with a heel no greater than 3cm. Sandals are permitted but must always be changed for Tech, PE, Gardening, Science and Bothmer.
- **Hats** – High School students are expected to take personal responsibility for sun smart awareness. Hats are strongly recommended to be worn in terms 1 and 4.

2.3 ***Procedures for non-compliance***

Willunga Waldorf School community supports the following consequences for breaches of the High School dress code. One or more of these consequences may be used by High School staff:

- Students will be asked to remove inappropriate make up, jewellery, fake nails or temporary tattoos.
- Students will be given an approved substitute article of clothing for the day.
- Parents may be contacted to bring a substitute piece of clothing for the day if required.
- Staff will complete a High School Dress Code Breach form. This will be sent to parents to communicate the dress code breach and future dress code requirements.
- If required, meeting with parents to discuss and resolve dress code breach.

2.4 ***Final Decision***

Where any doubt exists as to whether an article of clothing worn by a student falls outside of the dress code, the High School Faculty Leader will be the final arbiter. Parents will be notified of the decision.