

**SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY****Our why (Rationale)**

The board is committed to promoting a sense of identity and belonging for students at Wesley and delegates to the principal the responsibility to maintain the school sense of pride and representation when wearing the school uniform. Staff share the responsibility to supervise the 'how (Implementation actions)' of this policy for students in relation to the compulsory wearing of uniforms and identifying the appropriate uniform ie: The No.1 school uniform or the daily school uniform to wear. The board will ensure that any changes to the school uniform will be consulted on with whaanau and community, provide a clear statement of the official uniform in the prospectus and identify authorized suppliers for whaanau and community.

**Our how (Implementation actions)**

The No.1 school uniform is to be worn correctly to all special occasions as directed by staff eg:

- School functions, to and from school as well as sports tours, cultural and social visits.
- Chapel on the weekends
- Weekend leave and Sunday return

The daily school uniform is to be worn correctly at all times during the school day.

- Term 1 and 4: Summer uniform
- Term 2 and 3: Winter uniform
- Attendance at school
- Travelling to and from school

Wesley College is proud of its uniform and expects the No. 1 Uniform and the daily school uniform to be worn respectfully. School rules apply to both uniform sets.

Boys may wear a tupenu/ie faitaga with their Number One uniform (and) instead of shorts or long trousers during the year BUT only with sandals.

The wearing of an incorrect uniform, or a mixture of school uniform, sports gear and civilian clothes, is not acceptable.

After school wear, particularly after a sports practice, students may either change into correct uniform, or go home in sports gear.

Students not in the correct uniform are required to have a note from home explaining the reason for the discrepancy. The note is to be handed to the office before P1 commences where a uniform pass will be issued.

All items of the uniform should be clearly labelled with the student's name and house.

**STUDENT HAIR / PERSONAL GROOMING**

Students are expected to wear their hair styled in a reasonably conventional way.

- Hair kept tidy throughout the normal activities of a school day.
- Unnatural hair colours, or extreme colouring, streaks and patches of colour are not permitted.

- Girls' hair must not hang below the shoulders and must be clear of the face and eyes.
- Girls' long hair tied up or back.
- Hair ties/bands and clips in the colour of the student's natural hair colour may be worn by girls to contain the hair.
- Boys' hair must be clear of the face and not below the top edge of the collar.
- Boys' may not wear their hair tied up or back in a ponytail (with the exception of traditional cultural or religious reasons as approved by the Principal)
- Corn-braids (3+ strands) are not permitted.
- Shaved or extreme styles not permitted.
- Rat-tails not permitted.

### **Boys' Grooming**

- Boys must be clean-shaven at all times.
- No nose studs or body piercings allowed.

### **Makeup**

- Students may not wear makeup of any kind.
- False eyelashes are not permitted.
- Nail polish, if worn, must be colourless.
- Fingernails cut to a reasonable length.
- The use of sunblock is encouraged, especially for summer outdoor activities.
- Sunblock is available at the Health Clinic.

### **Jewellery**

Students may not wear nose studs, chains or necklaces around the neck and ankles unless it is of significant cultural or religious value. These items are to be tucked under the student's shirt/blouse. No body piercings allowed.

Girls with pierced ears may wear one matching pair of small plain silver or gold unobtrusive studs in the lower part of each earlobe. A wristwatch may be worn.

Boys are not permitted to wear jewellery other than a wristwatch.

### **Girls' Winter / Summer Skirts**

Girls' skirts are worn full length.

### **Shoes**

Shoes must be conventional black leather lace-up or black sandals with a back strap for summer uniform (or if wearing a tupenu/ie faitaga).

### **Socks**

Wesley school socks to be worn with school shorts.

Black socks only to be worn with black school shoes under long trousers and girls skirts.

### **Relevant legislation**

Education and Training Act 2020

### **Relevant School Documents**

School Prospectus

[Student Code of Conduct](#)

The Wesley College School Board approved this policy September 2023.

This policy will be reviewed on / before the September meeting 2026.

  
**PRESIDING MEMBER**

21 September 2023  
**DATE**