



West Coast SESC Student Dress Code **(Effective as of February 4th 2019)**

Rationale:

The West Coast SESC uniform reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the School community and assists in developing pride in representing their School. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Uniform.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with, our School.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our School environment. To maintain and enhance the positive image of the School in the community.

Implementation:

- After consultation with the School community and the School Board, the School has developed a uniform that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied School activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The uniform applies during School hours, while travelling to and from the School, and when students are on School excursions.
- Students must wear branded West Coast SESC polo shirts and jackets (seasonal). Uniform bottoms will be navy shorts, skirt, pants, skorts.
- Fully enclosed shoes are part of the uniform.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, one necklace, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or Mohawks) are not permitted.
- Other than nail polish and foundation, cosmetics should not be worn at School.
- Acceptable headwear is the School hat/cap and authorised religious headwear.
- Hats/caps are not to be worn inside unless instructed to do so within a practical class.
- The student uniform, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start and end of each year and posted on the School website.
- School Board requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the uniform in a manner consistent with the "Student Behaviour Expectations" and "Good Standing Policy".
- At time of enrolment parents will be required to agree to comply with the School's Dress Code.
- Arrangements can be made to supply funds for uniform via Education Program Allowance for families holding a current Pension, Veterans' Affairs or Health Care card or those in receipt of the Abstudy supplement allowance.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the uniform on the grounds of religious beliefs, cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the School Principal.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the West Coast SESC three-year review.