



Robertson Public School

School Uniform Policy

Purpose:

To ensure all Robertson students have the opportunity to wear an appropriate, affordable and safe uniform reflecting our school colours of maroon and gold.

To engender in Robertson students a sense of belonging and pride in their school

Aims:

- To encourage all students to wear our school uniform
- To develop pride in the wearing of school uniform
- To foster in children a respect for and care of their school uniform
- To further promote the image of the school in our community

Rationale:

Robertson Public School will promote the wearing of a school uniform as it is important to the overall image of the school and its tone as it reflects Robertson Public School's beliefs in tradition, excellence and opportunity. The wearing of a school uniform reflects our high community standards and expectations and ensures that the school is easily identifiable within the community. It contributes to our students' feeling of equality, belonging and pride in their school. Requirements of occupational health and safety and discrimination and equal opportunity legislation have been considered in the wearing of school uniform.

Procedures and Standards:

Our school uniform policy will take into account the diverse nature of our student population. Economic, personal, social and cultural factors affecting students and their families will be considered when deciding on items of uniform as well as considerations such as climate, body shape or religious requirements.

The school uniform was decided upon by the whole school community (students, parents and staff) and this policy has been developed within the local school community. It is the responsibility of the Principal to provide parents and carers with the school's uniform policy statement and uniform requirements.

The student dress code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.

It is the responsibility of the total school community to encourage and support the wearing of school uniform.

Sports uniform will be worn on those days students participate in school sport activities.

The Uniform Committee is responsible for the purchasing, retailing and introduction of uniform items and is financially responsible to the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C). The Uniform Committee will regularly report to the P&C at meetings and make recommendations for changes to the school uniform.

The school uniform will be available from The P&C Uniform Shop. The P&C will operate The P&C Uniform Shop and also a second-hand uniform pool for parents. Uniform requirements should be reviewed at least every five years and necessary changes made. Parents are to be advised about ways they can access financial support if they are unable to purchase uniform items.

Parents are encouraged to clearly label all uniform items with their child's name and class. Children are encouraged to take uniform items home at the end of each day. Any items of clothing which have been left at school and are not labelled will be placed in the Lost Property Box located near the Blue Room.

A maroon broad brimmed hat or cap with the school logo is considered part of the Robertson school uniform in line with the Sun Smart Policy. Robertson Public School Policy is No Hat – No Play.

Jewellery or other items that could cause an injury to themselves or other students are not to be worn. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.

Reminders relating to the wearing of uniform, particularly in relation to Occupational Health and Safety matters eg 'unsafe jewellery, inadequate footwear and broad brimmed hats' will be communicated regularly by the Principal in the school newsletter.

The wearing of school uniform will be encouraged by positive reinforcement. The Principal and Staff should actively promote the wearing of school uniform. Positive comments should be made to individual students who support the school ethos, have pride in their school and represent it well.

Responses to students who do not wear uniform will be fair and consistent. Students will not be prevented from participating in curriculum activities except where safety issues are involved.

Strategies to be used if an individual student is non-compliant:

- Speaking to the student in private to encourage wearing of the school uniform
- Providing a verbal warning to the student
- Providing advice to the parents by means of a phone call or letter from the Principal
- Inviting the parents to school to discuss the situation with Principal or another staff member
- Negotiating an appropriate course of action with the students and parents

Outcomes:

- All students wear school uniform proudly
- The school community is supportive of the uniform policy
- The school uniform is attractive, comfortable and functional
- The school uniform enhances the school image

References/Appendices:

1. DET School Uniform Policy
2. School Uniforms in NSW Government Schools
3. Sun Smart Information and Support Material
4. Protection from the Sun –Guidelines to assist in implementing the Student Welfare Policy
5. Robertson Public School Uniform Requirements

This policy should be reviewed every five years.



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Robertson school colours are maroon and gold. Parents are asked to encourage their children to wear the correct uniform with pride.

All items marked with this ★ are available through The P&C Uniform Shop.

Summer Uniform

Girls

Maroon check dress★ OR Maroon culottes with gold polo shirt with logo or lemon blouse with logo★

Maroon polar fleece jacket and/or maroon and gold rugby windcheater ★

White ankle socks

Black leather shoes or joggers

Maroon cap or broad brimmed hat with logo★

Boys

Grey shorts★

Gold polo shirt with logo or lemon shirt with logo★

Maroon polar fleece jacket and/or maroon and gold rugby windcheater ★

Grey ankle socks

Black leather shoes or joggers

Maroon cap or broad brimmed hat with logo★

Winter Uniform

Girls

Maroon tartan dress with lemon blouse with logo and maroon tights★ OR Maroon bootleg pants with gold polo shirt with logo or lemon blouse with logo ★ and white ankle socks

Maroon polar fleece jacket and/or maroon and gold rugby windcheater ★

Black leather shoes or joggers

Maroon cap or broad brimmed hat with logo★

Boys

Long grey trousers★

Gold polo shirt with school logo ★ or lemon shirt with logo★

Maroon polar fleece jacket and/or maroon and gold rugby windcheater ★

Grey ankle socks

Black leather shoes or joggers

Maroon cap or broad brimmed hat with logo★

Sport

Girls and boys

Maroon shorts

Maroon polo shirt with school logo★

White ankle socks

Black joggers

Maroon cap or broad brimmed hat with logo★

Additional Items

Sturdy maroon bags with logo★ large enough for spare clothing, books, food and homework

Maroon polar fleece lined raincoats★

Maroon beanies★

Maroon gloves★

Maroon scarf ★

The P&C Uniform Shop is open on Friday mornings in a room inside the school canteen. An affordable, long wearing uniform has been developed allowing children to be comfortable and active throughout their years at Robertson Public School. The money raised through the shop is returned to the school to purchase library and learning resources and sporting equipment. A range of pre-loved clothing is also available at low cost.

Robertson can experience four seasons in one day and therefore no date is set for our uniform to change from Summer to Winter. A good rule of thumb is Summer uniform in Terms 1 and 4 and Winter uniform in Terms 2 and 3. Parents are encouraged to ensure that enough clothing is sent to school with children to allow them to be warm and comfortable all day, taking into account quickly changing weather.

Most items purchased through The P&C Uniform Shop have an attached name tag. Please ensure that all clothing is labelled to enable lost items to be returned. Unlabelled items will go to lost property. After a period of approximately two terms, all unclaimed items will be forwarded to the school clothing pool or to charity.