WALCHA CENTRAL SCHOOL

UNIFORM FOR STUDENTS
Dear Parents

The wearing of school uniform is an important way of showing that a student belongs to our learning community. When a student belongs to the school, he or she respects the school community and works with it. Experience tells us that when students comply with the school regarding uniform they also comply with their teachers and classmates and tend to achieve more at school.

Walcha Central School (endorsed by School Council and the Parents and Citizens Association) is a uniform school. During 1999 a survey of the school community was conducted. After receiving about 500 responses to this survey, the school is confident that the results well represented the community’s views. The survey results gave direction to how the community perceives the importance of school uniform.

You can be confident that the set uniform is preferred by the majority of the school community. We hope that you will help us to present Walcha Central School by encouraging your children to wear the uniform every day.

**It is a Workplace Health and Safety requirement that students wear safe footwear. Slippers, thongs and canvas shoes are not considered to be safe foot wear - shoes that cover the upper part of the foot are required.**

Representative jumpers ARE NOT TO BE WORN under any circumstances at formal school occasions as they are not part of the formal school uniform.

Please note that no jewellery is specified in the uniform. Safety considerations require that:

- chains cannot be worn unless very fine
- only sleepers and studs may be worn in the ears - no other form of earring is permitted
- rings may not be worn
- bangles, bracelets and anklets may not be worn
- wrist watches may be worn.

Thank you for your support.

Should you have any queries, please contact Walcha Central School Office on 6777 2777.
Following are some points we would like to specifically draw your attention to:

- Walcha Central School uniforms are for sale through Intersport, Armidale (Ph.6771 2344) at very competitive prices
- second hand items can be purchased at St Vincent de Paul and the Presbyterian Op Shop in Walcha
- sew on school crests are available at the school canteen for red wool jumpers
- all white and grey shirts are the button-through school shirt style
- when wearing a tie, the shirt should be buttoned up to the neck
- on special occasions eg. school photos, Presentation Day, Academic Excellence Assembly, Anzac Assembly etc.
  - wearing of formal school uniform is compulsory
  - ties are compulsory for those receiving awards, greeting guests, presenting or taking part in formal ceremonies
  - students may be withdrawn from special occasions if not in formal school uniform.
- sport uniform polo shirts may be left untucked as long as they still look tidy
- blue or black jeans, black slacks and black skirts are NOT part of the Years K-12 uniform
- the school logo is the only logo that should be “obvious” - any commercial logos on clothing should be small so that they are not easily noticeable
- any additional items of clothing worn underneath the uniform should not be visible
- students are asked to wear sports uniform to and from school on PE and sports days
- for agriculture lessons, students are asked to change into and out of appropriate clothing
- for students representing the school on specialist teams (eg. livestock, equestrian or specialist sports groups) information will be provided as to appropriate and expected attire
- on “out-of-uniform” days, students are expected to still wear appropriate, safe clothing, eg. no thongs, bare midriffs, bare shoulders or T-shirts with inappropriate designs or slogans
- sports uniform or formal uniform may be worn all day by students regardless of whether they have sport that day or not
- due to the possibility of cold weather at any time of the year, winter uniform can be worn at any time
- optional winter accessories are available at Intersport, Armidale in red, navy or white.
SUMMER UNIFORM

Boys Formal

K-6
• grey shorts
• grey shirt
• grey socks
• black leather shoes or plain black joggers
• school tie optional
• red sloppy-joe with school crest, red wool jumper or school jacket
• red bucket hat with school name

Years 7-12
• grey shorts or trousers
• white shirt
• white socks
• black leather shoes or plain black joggers
• school tie optional
• red sloppy-joe with school crest, red wool jumper, school jacket or senior’s jersey (Year 12)
• red hat or cap

Girls Formal

K-6
• blue, white and red checked dress with red buttons and zip pocket
• white socks or navy stockings
• black leather shoes or plain black joggers
• red sloppy-joe with school crest, red wool jumper or school jacket
• red bucket hat with school name

Years 7-12
• navy blue skirt
• white button through school shirt
• white socks or navy stockings
• black leather shoes or plain black joggers
• school tie optional
• red sloppy-joe with school crest, red wool jumper, school jacket or senior’s jersey (Year 12)
• red hat or cap
WINTER UNIFORM

Boys Formal

K-6
• grey trousers
• grey shirt or skivvy
• grey socks
• black leather shoes or plain black joggers
• school tie optional
• red sloppy-joe with school crest, red wool jumper or school jacket
• red bucket hat with school name

Years 7-12
• grey trousers
• white shirt
• white socks
• black leather shoes
• school tie optional
• red sloppy-joe with school crest, red wool jumper, school jacket or senior’s jersey (Year 12)
• red hat or cap

Girls Formal

K-6
• blue, white and red checked dress with red buttons and zip pocket
• navy blue trousers
• white blouse or skivvy
• white socks or navy stockings
• black leather shoes or plain black joggers
• school tie optional
• red sloppy-joe with school crest, red wool jumper or school jacket
• red bucket hat with school name

Years 7-12
• navy blue skirt or navy blue trousers
• white button through school shirt
• white socks or navy stockings
• black leather shoes
• school tie optional
• red sloppy-joe with school crest, red wool jumper, school jacket or senior’s jersey (Year 12)
• red hat or cap
SPORTS UNIFORM

Boys and Girls

K-12
- red short or long sleeved polo shirt with school crest
- navy blue shorts
- white sports socks or long red and white sport socks (if wearing shin pads)
- navy blue track pants if needed
- red sloppy-joe with school crest, school jacket or senior’s jersey (Year 12)
- joggers (not canvas)
- red bucket hat with school name (K-6) or cap (7-12)
- there may be occasions when a commemorative item of sport uniform will be permitted to be worn i.e. Dorrigo inter-school visit 50th anniversary

K-12 - On days where there are no special occasions students may choose to wear their sports uniform. Students and parents must keep in mind regulations for Work Place Health and Safety and that certain courses require the wearing of enclosed leather shoes. When students are participating in science, design and technology and agricultural lessons they MUST wear the appropriate uniform with leather shoes.
PROCEDURES TAKEN FOR STUDENTS NOT WEARING CORRECT UNIFORM

For special occasions, students who are not wearing formal uniform may be offered a uniform item to wear if there is one available. The student will be asked to wash and return the borrowed item. If there is no spare clothing available, or if the student refuses to wear the uniform offered, the student is withdrawn from the occasion, even if this may mean the student misses the opportunity to receive public acknowledgement of achievements, or the opportunity to participate in events special to them. Parents are informed of the action.

If students arrive at school to participate in an excursion and they are not wearing uniform as required for their specific excursion, the student will not be allowed to attend (if there is no spare uniform for them to borrow, or if the student refuses to wear the uniform offered). This will occur even if the student has paid for the excursion. The same also applies to excursions requiring full sports uniform.

In addition to the statements above, students in Year K-12 need to be aware that if they are not in uniform they will be asked for a note from their parents or caregivers. If a note is provided, the student will be given a uniform pass. If a note is not provided, the student will receive a school detention. It is the student’s responsibility to attend detention. Please note students are placed on detention for not following school policy without explanation.

Please remember that if your family is experiencing difficulty in purchasing uniforms, you may apply to the school for assistance.
School uniform promotes

Pride in self

Pride in school

Sense of belonging