

UNIFORM

POLICY

Rationale:

- A uniform dress code 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 Dress Code.

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.
- To provide choice for the students
- To allow for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities
- To cater for the financial constraints of families.

Implementation:

- School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions (unless instructed otherwise).
- Summer and winter uniforms will be prescribed and are required to be worn.
- Due to the active nature of our school curriculum, students are permitted to wear sneakers/runners as part of the standard uniform. Black school shoes are also permitted. Students may not wear footwear that exposes open toes or that have open/risen heels.
- The only acceptable forms of jewellery include plain stud earrings or sleepers worn in the ears, and simple watches. Rings, bracelets, necklaces, earrings that dangling etc. pose a health and safety risk for students while they are at school and are not be permitted.
- Student hairstyles are to be kept neat and tidy. Long hair (below shoulder line) is to be tied back. Extreme hair colours (green, pink or purple etc.) and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted. What qualifies as extreme is at the discretion of the Principal. Students will be asked to ensure their hair colour/style is in line with this policy before being permitted to return to school.
- Cosmetics/makeup (including lip-gloss) are not permitted. Students will be asked to immediately remove any cosmetic product. Repeat offenders will be issued consequences as detailed our student engagement policy (APPENDIX 2: Frequently refusing teacher requests).
- Acceptable Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy are the only form of permitted headwear. They must be worn outside in terms 1 & 4. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- 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.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship through the school's Wellbeing Coordinator.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition (diagnosed sensory conditions) or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal for consideration.

- Students observed as being out of uniform will be given verbal reminders about the Dress Code requirements and expected to comply with the Dress Code by the next school day. Students wearing non-school jumpers/jackets will be asked to put these items in their bags while they are at school.
- Parents of students observed as being out of uniform regularly will receive a phone call from the school's Wellbeing Coordinator to explain the issue, restate the requirements of the Dress Code and offer support should it be required.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in	July 2017
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