

SCHOOL 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.

Overview: School Council has developed a Dress Code 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. This was undertaken after consultation with the school community and the student representatives.

Implementation:

- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Summer and winter uniforms will be prescribed as appropriate to the weather conditions. Sports uniform may be prescribed as required.
- Appropriate footwear is a fully enclosed shoe which can be securely fastened, and which are preferably black or white. Rubber soled shoes are recommended on PE and sports days.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Only natural hair colourings are permitted. Extreme hair styles are not permitted. If hair touches shoulders, it must be tied back. It is preferred if hair ties are in keeping with our school colours.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only hats that are acceptable are navy wide-brimmed or legionnaire style Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn between September and April, inclusive. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- Children who are consistently out of uniform will receive a Uniform Notice, bringing this to the attention of parents.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must do so by notifying the Principal. The decision to allow the exemption is at the discretion of the Principal, who may consult with School Council.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed annually.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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