



DRESS CODE and 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 a school uniform that supports the safety of students
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for the school environment and our community
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation:

- School Council Dress Code and Uniform Policy provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in all school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Dress Code and Uniform Policy applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, when students are on school excursions and camps and when students are representing the school in the broader community.
- **CLOTHING:** The school colors are navy blue and white. Items of clothing that are to be plain navy include track pants, trousers, leggings, shorts, windcheaters, vests and skirts. Polo shirts and skivvies are to be white or navy. School approved bomber jacket (for all students) and Summer gingham dress and Winter tunic are available for girls. No decorative additions such as stripes, colored motifs or manufacturers labels, except the school logos, are allowed. Denim is not acceptable.
- A commemorative Year 6 top is made available for purchase each year.
- **SPORTS UNIFORMS:** Where required, sports uniforms will be provided by the school. All uniform items must be worn in the appropriate manner for which they were designed. Sports style shoes are recommended on sports days.
- **HEADWEAR:** 'Sunsmart recommended' navy blue, broad brimmed hats, either plain or with school logo, will be worn in accordance with the current Sunsmart policy recommended date.. During this time they must be worn for

ALL outdoor activity including PE classes, sports and excursions.. Dark rimmed sunglasses are also recommended during this period but are optional. During cooler months navy beanies are available.

- **HAIR** Extreme hair colors (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted. Plain, navy hair ties, ribbons, head bands and scrunchies are acceptable. Students with shoulder length, or longer, hair are expected to tie the hair back (in accordance with the Head Lice Policy).
- **FOOTWEAR:** Only flat, closed in leather or jogger style shoes are to be worn at school. Strong leather sandals, with closed toe, are acceptable in warmer months. Socks must be worn at all times.
- **ACCESSORIES** . Plain navy scarves and gloves can be worn during colder months.
- **JEWELLERY.** Stud earrings and sleepers, worn in the ears, and watches are the only acceptable jewellery. Other forms of visible body piercing or body art (including temporary tattoos) are not acceptable.
- **COSMETICS** Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The student Dress Code and Uniform Policy, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year and available at the school office.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship. Second hand uniform items may be purchased at the school, depending on availability.
- Students who are not in full school uniform may be provided with spare uniform items if available. If not available the student may be excluded from the event. Children may be excluded from excursions outside the school when out of uniform. Full school uniform is expected to be worn for annual school photos.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code and Uniform Policy .
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal.

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

Ratified by School Council 22nd July 2008