

POLICY

1. 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.

2. 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 is practical, comfortable, attractive and affordable
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

3. Implementation:

- 3.1 After broad consultation with the school community, School Council developed a Dress Code that 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.
- 3.2 The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- 3.3 Summer and winter uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn. Sports uniforms provided for interschool sports teams remain the property of the school.
- 3.3.1 Stud earrings and small sleepers worn only in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable Jewellery. Tattoos are not permitted.
- 3.3.2 Extreme hair colours (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: patches of colour, or Mohawks) are not permitted.
- 3.3.3 Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- 3.3.4 The only headwear that is acceptable is a SunSmart hat consistent with our SunSmart policy. Hats must be worn outside from Term 1, Term 2 (**until ANZAC DAY**), Term 3 (**1st September**) and Term 4. Hats are not to be worn inside. (An exemption is made for religious scarves; however these should be black, white or green to fit in with the uniform colours).
- 3.4 The Uniform Shop is pleased to accept second hand uniform items in good condition. These will be used for emergency situations where clothing is needed or when the Principal determines that a family requires assistance. They will also be available for purchase at \$5 per item
- 3.5 The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items, will be published in the Newsletter at the start of each year and will be available on the school's website.
- 3.6 School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- 3.7 Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- 3.8 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 School Council.

4. Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the annual parent opinion survey, specific surveys aimed at determining the level of support for specific uniform items and by School Council as required.
- Consideration will be given to the level of support given to the uniform policy by the number of issues raised compared to the level of compliance relating to wearing the school uniform.
- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

References and Related Documents:

- *School Policy Advisory Guide - Management*
- *School values of Responsibility, Resilience, Respect, Honesty, Responsibility, Learning*

This policy was last ratified by School Council in October 2011...

School Council policy is that the school uniform is compulsory. All children from grades Prep - 6 are required to wear only the official school uniform as per the following list. Parents need to be aware that failure by children to wear the school uniform may result in parents being contacted or a uniform infringement note being given to the child.

As part of the school uniform, **all children are required to wear a school uniform black bucket sun hat** in Term 1, Term 2 (**until ANZAC DAY**), Term 3 (**1st September**) and Term 4.

Caps are not acceptable as they do not provide adequate protection from the sun's harmful rays. If a child does not wear a hat during the summer months, they will be required to sit in a designated shade area.

Full parental support is required in this matter. It is important that our children realise the serious risk of skin cancer resulting from over exposure to the sun.

GIRLS' SUMMER UNIFORM

- Dark Green and white checked dress
- Black shorts or black streetwear trousers
- White polo shirt with school logo
- Green windcheater with school logo
- White, grey or black socks
- Black shoes, boots, sandals with toe area covered or Runners black or white **No** bright colours with black or white laces
- School bomber jacket
- Black bucket sun hat with school logo

BOYS' SUMMER UNIFORM

- Black shorts or black streetwear trousers
- Green windcheater with school logo
- White polo shirt with school logo
- White, grey or black socks
- Black shoes, boots, sandals with toe area covered or Runners, black or white **No** bright colours with black or white laces
- Black bucket sun hat with school logo

GIRLS' WINTER UNIFORM

- Black streetwear trousers or black tracksuit pants
- White polo shirt with school logo
- Green windcheater with school logo
- Socks - white, grey or black
- Black shoes, boots, sandals with toe area covered or Runners, black or white **No** bright colours with black or white laces
- School bomber jacket.
- School beanie - optional

BOYS' WINTER UNIFORM

- Black streetwear trousers or black tracksuit pants
- Green windcheater with school logo
- White polo shirt with school logo
- Socks - white, grey or black
- Black shoes, boots, sandals with toe area covered or Runners, black or white **No** bright colours with black or white laces
- School bomber jacket.
- School beanie - optional

Hair ties, hair bands and head scarves may be, black, white or dark green. Students with pierced ears are permitted to wear gold or silver studs or sleepers **only**.

School windcheaters, tracksuit pants, polo shirts, shorts, bomber jackets, hats, beanies, green spray jackets, art smocks and school bags can all be ordered through the school and bought at the "Uniform Shop".

The Uniform Shop operates near the Conference Room and is run by the Uniform Shop Co-ordinator with support from volunteer parents. Please read the noticeboard on the Uniform Shop door for operating dates and times.