



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.

Implementation:

- A Dress Code has been developed 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.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- **The only headwear that is acceptable** is Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside in terms 1 & 4. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- **Headscarves** - must be in school colours only.
- **Hair Accessories** – must be in school colours only.
- **Socks** – must be in school colours only.
- **Shoes** – mostly black or white, runners must be worn for PE.
- **Dresses** - Socks in school colours must be worn with dresses or navy or white tights – **NO PANTS** .
- **The Pinafore and Skirt** can be worn with Navy tights and can be worn all year if preferred – however **NO LONG PANTS are to be worn under the dress, skirt or pinafore.**
- **Pants/Trousers** – can be worn with tops and jackets only – **NOT WITH DRESSES, SKIRTS OR PINAFORES.**
- 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 and included in all enrolment packs.
- School Council requires the Principal to 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.
- 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 for consideration.

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....

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