



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.

PURPOSE OF THE POLICY

- 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

GUIDELINES FOR ACTION

1. A Dress Code Policy shall be maintained 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.
2. All students in Prep to Year 6 adhere to the School's Dress Code Policy.
3. The Dress Code Policy applies during school hours, and when students are on school excursions (Sports days/activities are exempt e.g. House Sports days (unless otherwise permitted by the Principal).
4. The wearing of 'sun-smart' hats is compulsory when UV levels are higher than 3 (see hats). Hats are not to be worn inside.
5. The Student Dress Code will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
6. The Principal and Staff are responsible for implementation of the Dress Code Policy.
7. Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code Policy due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition, must apply in writing to the Principal.

IMPLEMENTATION

WHOLE SCHOOL ~ "Student Dress Code" consists of the following compulsory school uniform elements

ALL STUDENTS ~ Broad-brimmed hat or legionnaires (When UV levels are higher than 3)

Uniform

- Navy Blue or red polo shirt (with logo optional) – short or long sleeve
- Navy Blue shorts/tracksuit pants
- Navy Blue or red polo fleece windcheater / hoody / cardigan.
- Red/White or Navy Blue/White checked dresses.
- Navy Blue Skorts
- Navy Tunic
- School shoes, runners or flat boots.

OPTIONAL ~

Blue & red Waterproof track jacket with logo – available from office

Blue & red Polo Shirts with logo – available from office.

Year 6 Windcheater or polo shirt (for current year, as approved by the Principal).

The following clothing is **unacceptable** as it fails to meet health or safety standards associated with the school.

- Any clothing which leaves shoulders, mid-riff (tank tops, sundresses) – loose fitting footwear including thongs, open-toed shoes, sandals, heeled shoes, slipper style shoes and skate shoes.
- Loose fitting jewellery, including earrings (only studs or sleepers are acceptable).
- Cosmetics may not be worn at school, unless for designated occasions, with the approval of the Principal.
- Shoes are to have enclosed toes.

ENFORCEMENT

12. i) Parents of children not complying with the compulsory uniform will be notified by the Principal or Teaching Staff, to bring it to the parent's attention and seek a resolution.

13. ii) Exemptions may be granted regarding clothing in the following situations:

- Child has a disability which prevents compliance.
- Note from parents (special circumstances).

iii) Children will only be excluded from activities where safety issues exist:

- Children failing to wear a hat will be required to spend recess/lunch periods in an under-cover area.

17. Items are available at various stores, such as Target, Best and Less and K-Mart.

18. v) Year 6 students may have a “Class of the current year” navy blue polo t-shirt or long sleeve hooded windcheater featuring the names of all Year 6 students printed on the back.

EVALUATION

The policy will be monitored regularly by Principal and Staff.