



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:

- After consultation with the school community, 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.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Summer and winter uniform items will be prescribed, but children can wear any combinations of uniform items that they choose.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable visible jewellery. Necklaces or lanyards are only permitted if worn inside clothing.
- Facial cosmetics are generally not to be worn at school.
- The only hats that are acceptable are Parkwood Green Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside in terms 1 & 4. Hats are not to be worn inside. Caps are unacceptable.
- All students are encouraged to wear black, leather shoes. Footwear that exposes toes, or with open heels are unacceptable at any time. If students wear runners they must be of a neutral colour, flashes of colour are acceptable. This policy will be enforced from the beginning of Term 1 2014.
- The school will select a company to design and sell the schools uniform. Secondhand uniform items will be sold at school. Parents may purchase clothing that are not required to have the school logo from elsewhere (such as shorts and tracksuit pants), so long as the alternative item is identical to the school provided garments.
- Items such as netball skirts and short dresses are deemed inappropriate.
- Appropriate clothing and footwear should be worn on sports days.

- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Arrangements may be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- Staff members are expected to observe the wearing of school uniform by students, and children consistently not in uniform must be brought to the attention of a principal class member.
- 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.
- Students who are out of uniform are required to bring a note from home explaining the reason at which time a uniform pass will be issued.
- After a 2nd uniform note those children will be required to change into a 2nd uniform provided by the school until the appropriate uniform is purchased.
- Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied up at all times including school photos and special days.

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..... May 2015