



## RATIONALE:

- A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instills 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 instil a sense of pride and community spirit in students.
- To promote a sense of equality amongst students regardless of gender or socio economic background.
- To ensure that all students are 'Sunsmart' as far as practicable.

## IMPLEMENTATION:

- After consultation with the school community, School Council has developed a 'Dress Code' that we believe provides choice for the students, allows them to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- School uniform is prescribed and required to be worn unless otherwise specified (e.g. School Council approved 'Out of Uniform Days').
- Students are expected to wear a combination of the following uniform items:
  - Navy track pants or trousers
  - Navy shorts, skirts and skorts of an acceptable length (an acceptable length is long enough to reach the fingertips when arms are hung loosely along the body)
  - Red t-shirt / red polo shirt / red skivvy
  - Red windcheater, (no hood) / official Grade 6 outerwear
  - Official school bomber jacket
  - School summer dress
  - Navy leggings, navy tights or navy bike shorts can be worn under the summer dress and under netball skirts. The leggings are to be plain (without any lace or frills)
- Hijabs or accessories such as head bands, hair ties or clips being worn with the school uniform are to be in appropriate school colours (plain red, blue or white without any lace or frills).
- Bike shorts, leggings or tights worn by themselves are not acceptable.
- Students are expected to wear closed shoes, sandals are not permitted, but sneakers or black shoes are acceptable.
- From mid-**September to the end of April** as part of the Sun Smart policy, students will wear an official school hat. Hats that do not shade the forehead, ears and back of the neck are not Sun Smart, therefore must not be worn.
- Students may wear the official school hat at any time throughout the year.
- Students may also wear the official school beanie. The school beanie is not compulsory.
- Allowable jewellery is studs and sleepers and they are only to be worn in ears.
- No other jewellery is to be worn (except watches and jewellery with cultural, religious or of other significance).
- Students are not permitted to wear make-up, nail polish or lipstick.
- Students with hair shoulder length or longer must wear hair tied back. This is a health and safety issue, particularly in regards to protecting children from head lice.
- When representing the school on excursions and during sporting activities, full school uniform must be worn, including a school hat between September and April.
- Parents may purchase uniform items from the school or from local department stores.
- Parents experiencing financial hardship are urged to see the Principal/Assistant Principal.
- Parents will notify the school either verbally or in writing if children are not able to attend school in full school uniform.
- Students not wearing full school uniform will receive an 'Out of School Uniform' notice.
- The student Dress Code, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- Exceptions to the uniform requirements due to a student's specific circumstances may be approved by the Principal on a case by case basis.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.

**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 September 2017

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