



## 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 socio economic background.
- To ensure that all students are 'Sunsmart'

## 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.
- Summer and Winter uniforms, as well as a sports uniform will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
- Students are expected to wear a combination of the following uniform items
  - Navy track pants or trousers
  - Navy shorts (long, almost to the knee)
  - Red tee shirt / red polo shirt / red skivvy
  - Red windcheater / official Grade 6 windcheater
  - Official school bomber jacket
  - School summer dress
  - Blue water proof jacket as supplied by uniform shop
  - Navy leggings can be worn under the summer dress and under the netball skirts. The leggings are to be plain (without any lace or frills)
- Hajibs or accessories such as head bands, hair ties or clips being worn with the school uniform to be in appropriate school colours (plain red, blue or white without any lace or frills).
- Bike shorts 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 **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.
- During Terms 2 and 3, students may also wear the official school beanie. The school beanie is not compulsory.
- Studs and sleepers only are to be worn in ears.
- No jewellery 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 regard to protecting children from head lice.
- When representing the school on excursion and during sporting activities, full school uniform must be worn, including a school hat during Terms 1 and 4.
- Parents may purchase uniform items from the school or from local department stores.
- A lay-by system is available if required; uniform cannot be collected until the full amount has been paid at the office.
- Parents experiencing financial hardship are urged to see the Principal.
- Parents will notify the school either verbally or in writing if children are not able to attend school in full school uniform.
- Students consistently not wearing full school uniform will receive an 'Out of School Uniform' notice.
- 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.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.

**EVALUATION:** Feedback on success of program will be sought from students, parents and staff. This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle.