



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 and the Student Representative Council, 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. Change to this is subject to the Principals discretion.
- Summer and Winter uniforms, as well as a sports uniform will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Extreme hair colors and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
- Enclosed shoes must be worn at school.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only head wear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside from September until the end of April. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- From May until the end of August, school beanies and scarves are permitted to be worn outside.
- The Parents Club will accept good quality second hand uniforms, and will operate a second hand uniform store for parents.
- 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.
- 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.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle and feedback will be sought from the School Community.
- This policy was updated and endorsed by School Council on Wed 17th Feb 2016.
- These policies will be implemented in accordance with our **Student Engagement Policy**.