



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 are also factors that contribute to the Uniform Policy.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride, connectedness 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:

- The Uniform Policy applies to all students during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions or representing the school.
- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms are prescribed and are required to be worn. Full school uniform is to be worn to and from school every day with the exception of nominated days approved by School Council eg. Casual clothes days for fundraising when appropriate clothing must be worn. Full school uniform includes black school shoes or ALL black runners - no coloured soles, trims or laces. Children can bring runners to school when they have either Physical education or sport and can change at school.
- Children should not wear under garments such as skivvies, winter tights or leggings under summer uniform. Short or long white socks can be worn with the summer uniform.
- Stud earrings worn in the ears and watches are the only acceptable jewellery. Cultural jewellery may be worn under garments, out of sight.
- Extreme hair colors (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
- Nail polish and cosmetics are not to be worn at school.
- The only headwear that is acceptable, apart from headwear worn for cultural or religious reasons, is Sunsmart hats with the school logo consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside in September through to April. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- One piece 'speedo' style navy bathers are required for the swimming program and may be purchased through any local supplier. Bathers may also be purchased through the school twice a year, at the end of term 1 and end of term 4. Order forms will be sent home at these times.
- The student Uniform Policy, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- Arrangements can be made to subsidise uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing financial hardship.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Uniform Policy due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal for consideration.
- The Principal is responsible for implementation of the Uniform Policy.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on 18 October 2016