

## Student Dress Policy

### Rationale

A school uniform 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. Equality, health and safety are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the school uniform policy.

### Aims

- To promote equality and inclusiveness for 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.
- To develop a sense of responsibility for personal belongings and appearance.

### Implementation

- The school uniform applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions, representing the school or engaged in school activities out of hours.
- Our uniform includes a range of garments suitable for different seasons, student comfort and preference.
- Students are required to wear runners or black leather shoes. Runners should be predominately white or black and not include bright coloured or fluorescent elements/shoelaces. Shoes must be closed toe for safety.
- Clothing items such as stockings, socks and long sleeve under garments should be white or navy blue only.
- Uniform items that are not logoed, e.g. pants, skorts may be purchased externally. They must be navy with no branding or embellishments.
- Headwear worn for cultural or religious reasons should be in neutral colours.
- All hair accessories (hair ties, scrunchies, bows or headbands) should be navy blue, white or teal. Hair longer than collar length is encouraged to be tied back for safety.
- A broad brim sun smart hat must be worn outside in terms 1 and 4.
- Beanies, scarves, and gloves can be worn during cooler months but should be aligned with the school uniform colours.
- It is preferred that the school branded backpack is purchased as it has been ergonomically designed for students to transfer items to and from school.
- Watches and stud or sleeper earrings are the only appropriate jewellery to wear at school. Cultural or religious jewellery can be worn under clothing.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics should not be worn to school.

- The school uniform policy, details of uniform items and information about process for purchasing uniforms will be published in the school newsletter at the start of each year and included in new student enrolment information packs.
- Arrangements can be made through our leadership team to subsidise uniforms via State Schools Relief and through school initiatives (e.g., second-hand uniform) for families requiring support.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the school uniform due to religious beliefs or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the school leadership team for consideration.
- Any changes or alterations to the school uniform will only be made after community consultation and approval from School Council.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the School uniform, in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.

### REVIEW CYCLE

Ratified	November 2021
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