



Student Uniform Policy

Ratified by School Council: N/A

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

Scope

This policy aims to:

- promote equality and inclusiveness for all students.
- further develop a sense of pride, connectedness and identification with our school.
- provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment
- maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
- develop a sense of **responsibility** and **respect** 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 or representing the school. Our school uniform, are compulsory, and is required to be worn at all times.

- Clothing items such as stockings, socks, hair accessories and long sleeve under garments can be worn (navy blue, black or white only).
- The only headwear acceptable is headwear worn for cultural or religious reasons (navy blue or black only) and a Sun Smart hat, consistent with our Sun Smart policy. Hats must be worn outside in terms 1 and 4. Hats are not to be worn inside. Beanies can also be worn during winter months, but must be plain navy blue with no label.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery. Cultural or religious jewellery can be worn under clothing.
- Extreme hair colours (e.g. green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (e.g. spikes) are not permitted.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.

The school uniform policy, details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the school newsletter at the start of each year and in new student enrolment information packs. Arrangements can be made through our School Welfare 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, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal and School Council for consideration.

School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for implementation of the school uniform, in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.