

UNIFORM POLICY

PURPOSE:

- To reinforce in students a pride in their own appearance, to instil recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and to assist in developing pride in representing their school. This policy is supported by a Dress Code which is inclusive of, but not limited to, issues of equality, health, safety and expense.

GOALS:

- 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.

GUIDELINES:

- A rigorous consultative process will guide School Council and relevant stakeholders, in the modification of the Dress Code.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions. It will be expected that optional school items (eg scarves, gloves, jackets) are adhered to from the Dress Code during these times.
- Uniforms will be prescribed and are required to be worn as stated in the Dress Code.
- Students are required to wear only the approved uniform with the school logo.
- When representing the school in special events, a 'uniform' will be provided for each participant. Eg. choir, hooptime, sporting competitions.
- All other acceptable accessories (referring to jewellery, hairstyles, cosmetics, head wear) is that which is stipulated in the Dress Code.
- The Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter and school website at the beginning of each term. It is expected parents will purchase the uniform from the designated supplier/s.

- School Council requires the Principal/Nominee to be responsible for the implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardships. Parents are directed to contact the Principal/Nominee
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship are encouraged to contact the Principal/Nominee to discuss further.
- Parents are required to provide an explanation if their child is out of uniform.
- There will be a transitional period to include 2008 and 2009 to allow families to transfer to the new school uniform. It would be expected that prep students and those students new to the school would purchase the new school uniform.

EVALUATION:

- This policy will be evaluated in 2009 as part of the cyclic process of policy review.