

STUDENT DRESS CODE/UNIFORM POLICY

PHILOSOPHICAL BASIS

The Student Dress Code is desirable in that it will promote a sense of individual and collective pride, enhance the school's image, encourage group security, enhance the safety of individual students and strengthen the spirit of community within the school.

GUIDELINES

School Uniform as specified in the Student Dress Code is compulsory. The dress code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are engaged in school activities out of school hours.

The items prescribed as part of school uniform should reflect contemporary dress standards, be practical, attractive and available at a reasonable cost. The uniform shop is a service to parents and not a profit making organisation.

The uniform will be designed to reflect appropriate health and safety considerations e.g.: Sun smart Policy, seasonal changes, requirements of specific activities e.g. P.E., Art, Interschool sport.

The Student Dress Code will specify design and type of garment and must be gender inclusive.

The uniform will be in the school's colours, red tops and black pants/skirt/shorts. The girls may elect to wear a red and white gingham dress. Whilst it is desirable that all school garments bear the school logo, this is not compulsory.

The Student Dress Code may include optional items such as school bags.

IMPLEMENTATION

The Principal will be responsible for the implementation the Student Dress Code.

The School Council, through the School Council Trading Operations Sub-Committee will be responsible for and in consultation with the school community address the following:

- The design of School Uniform
- Develop and implement the student dress code policy
- Coordinate the sales of new and second hand items of school uniform.
- Set prices of individual school uniform items

The reference for the basis of the policy is located at <https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal>

Organisation requirements to administer this policy will be as follows:

- i) If on any day it is not possible to wear school uniform, a note explaining this, should be forwarded to the class teacher.
- ii) All cases of genuine hardship in providing uniform should be directed to the Principal / Student Welfare Officer
- iii) Attendance at school outings, functions, school photos, sporting activities, etc., is dependent on wearing the uniform.

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- iv) The school's Sunsmart Policy provides additional information on the wearing of hats. The compulsory period when all children must wear an approved hat outdoors is during Terms 1 and 4. The hat which must be worn is that prescribed in the Student Dress Code.
- v) Appropriate clothing must be worn for P.E. and sporting activities.
- vi) A special year 6 commemorative top will be available at the beginning of each school year for students to purchase.
- vii) An art smock is compulsory for art activities.
- viii) In the interests of health and safety, decorative earrings and jewellery are not acceptable at any time at school. Facial jewellery is unacceptable.
- ix) Extreme hairstyles or colours are unacceptable. No make up is to be worn.
- x) The Principal from time to time may declare uniform free days.

Most items of school uniform will be available from the school uniform shop. Parents will be advised where other items can be purchased. The school uniform shop will be managed by School Council Trading Operations Sub-Committee, their recommendations being subject to School Council ratification.

Availability of School Uniform

The choice and agreements with suppliers of the school uniform, is a matter of significance and is the responsibility of School Council.

Second Hand Uniforms

A second hand uniform shop will be managed by the School Council Trading Operations Sub-Committee.

Whenever the introduction of the Student Dress code affects students unequally, exemptions can be sought.

Grounds for Exemption

- i) Religious, ethnic or cultural background.
- ii) Disability or health related issues

Procedures for seeking Exemption.

Application for an exemption must be made to the Principal who will, after due consideration of each application, make a determination. Parents experiencing financial difficulties can approach the Principal or Assistant Principal for assistance.

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SCHOOL UNIFORM

All students should wear school uniform which is in part available from our Uniform Shop, new and second-hand garments are available.

The items available from the Uniform shop are:

Tops: Red Bomber Jackets
Red Polo Shirts

Hats: Red Slouch Hats

School Bags: Red

Library Bags: Red

The items listed below are not available from the uniform shop.

Some guidelines are listed below:

Shoes: Black School Shoes or Black Sneakers
Sport Shoes on specified sports/PE days. No highly coloured (fluorescent) sports shoes.
No open toed shoes or thongs to be worn at any time

Bike Pants: Not to be worn except under dresses or skirts

Leggings: Not to be worn except under dresses or skirts

Black School pants or Tracksuit Pants are acceptable, preferably plain black with no logos.

Skirts/Skorts: Black skirts or Skorts are acceptable (not netball skirts)

Dresses: Red and White Gingham Dresses

Sports Tops: Available from Grade 3 – 6 to worn on sports days.

Smocks: To be worn during Art Classes

ENDORSEMENT

This policy was last ratified by School Council on: