

Uniform

POLICY

Rationale:

- A uniform policy 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, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Uniform Policy.

Aims:

- To further develop a sense of pride in and identification with our school.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
- To clearly identify students as members of our school community, within and beyond the school grounds.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective, safe and practical for our school environment.
- To support our SunSmart policy in the interest of student health.
- To encourage equity among students by minimising peer/trend pressure.

Implementation:

- After consultation with the school community and the Student Representative Council, School Council has developed a Uniform Policy that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities and is affordable.
- This policy will be placed in the Information Pack. On enrolling students at the school, parents accept this policy and agree to abide by it.
- Parents of students who for religious, cultural or health reasons may need to modify the school dress code are required to make an appointment with the Principal. Staff members will be informed of any student granted a modification to the dress code.
- The school colours are bottle green and gold. The wearing of school colours is compulsory and is a collective responsibility (parents, students and staff).
- School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for the implementation of the Uniform Policy in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Parents of students who repeatedly do not comply with the Uniform Policy will be reminded of the school's policy by letter.
- The Uniform Policy applies during school hours and when students are on school excursions or sport days.
- Certain internal sporting events require students to compete in the Houses. During these events, students will be encourage to wear their House colour.
- All clothing must be clearly and permanently labelled.
- A set of uniforms for special groups such as sports teams, school choir and peer mediation may be supplied by the school as required.
- Clothing purchased from outlets, other than the official school uniform provider, may be worn, provided it meets the school dress code in colour, safety and is logo-free.
- SunSmart hats must be worn outside from **September to the end of April** or **whenever UV levels reach three or more**, consistent with our SunSmart Policy. In Terms 2 and 3, beanies or SunSmart hats may be worn. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Good quality second hand uniforms are available at the school.
- New students will be given time to fully adopt the school dress code. Difficulties in conforming to the dress code should be discussed with the Principal.

- The uniform includes a range of articles to enable parents to best meet student preferences whilst complying with the Uniform Policy. The range is limited to:

- Short or long-sleeved green or gold polo shirts
- Green or black shorts
- Green and white checked dresses
- Green or black broad-brimmed hats.
- Socks –white/black or green only
- Green bomber jackets
- Green polar fleece jumper
- Green round neck windcheater
- Green rugby tops
- Green or black track pants, trousers or bootleg pants
- Green tunic
- Green or gold skivvies
- Green or black beanies, scarves and gloves
- Water proof jacket

- Grade 6 students will be provided with the opportunity to purchase a grade polo shirt and this can be worn as part of the school uniform.
- Tights and leggings should be black or green and must only be worn under shorts or dresses.
- Footwear should be chosen so that a child is appropriately and safely prepared to engage in a range of school activities. We recommend black or white cross trainers. Slip on shoes and Volleys are not appropriate. Sandals with enclosed toes and heels are acceptable on hot days.
- Stud earrings or sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Cosmetics and nail polish should not be worn at school.
- Hair that is shoulder length or longer should be tied back for safety reasons and to reduce the risk of infestation with head lice. Hair ties, clips and headbands must be green, black or gold.
- Casual Dress Days: On these days the school's SunSmart Policy and footwear code still apply. Children are to wear clothing which covers their shoulders. No singlet tops are permitted.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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