

## **School dress code**

### **Purpose**

To build a sense of belonging to the school.

To assist students to develop a sense of purpose by dressing in school uniform 'ready for school and learning'.

To reduce levels of competition and discrimination based on clothing.

To assist student supervision and safety on school excursions.

To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

### **Guidelines**

The school uniform is compulsory for all students. The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions. If a student is out of uniform a note with a brief explanation is requested.

School Council has ratified a Dress Code that provides choice for the students, allows students to safely engage in varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.

The student Dress Code will be outlined in the information booklet.

School Council recommends that long hair be tied back to reduce the risk of headlice.

For safety reasons, stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, watches and medical bracelets are the only acceptable jewellery.

Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.

The only head wear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats (terms 1 and 4) and winter beanies that are consistent with the Dress Code. Hats are not to be worn inside.

Children are required to wear shoes that protect their feet and are appropriate for all school activities. Thongs, high heels, scuffs and open-toed sandals are inappropriate for school.

School Council and the Principal are responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.

Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal.

If a student is consistently out of uniform, parents will be contacted to discuss how the situation will be remedied.

**Evaluation**

A review of the Policy will be conducted in accordance with the Policy Review Timeline.