



Student Dress Code

POLICY

Mount Pleasant Road Primary School

A. Rationale:

A.1. A uniform dress code 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 Dress Code.

B. Aims:

- B.1.** To promote equality amongst all students.
- B.2.** To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- B.3.** To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- B.4.** To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

C. Implementation:

- C.1.** After consultation with the school community and students, School Council has developed a Uniform Policy and Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- C.2.** The Uniform Policy and Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- C.3.** A sports t-shirt is available for year three to six to purchase but is not to be worn on school photo day or on excursions.
- C.4.** Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery. Religious necklaces may be worn within the uniform.
- C.5.** Extreme hair colours (e.g. green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (e.g. spikes or mohawks) are not permitted (excluding school sanctioned events).
- C.6.** Hair is to be out of the students' eyes and tied back (where possible) for student safety.
- C.7.** The following accessories are permitted: black school shoes or predominately white or black runners with white or black laces, white or navy blue socks, navy blue skivvies under the polo shirt, navy blue or orange scarf, beanie and gloves (Term Two and Three). Girls may choose to wear navy blue tights and simple navy blue or orange hair accessories.
- C.8.** Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- C.9.** The headwear and accessories that are acceptable are the school Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside from the start of the year to April 30th & from September to the end of the year. Beanies, gloves & scarves in orange or navy blue may be worn in Terms 2 & 3 until the start of September. Hats gloves and scarves are not to be worn inside.
- C.10.** Uniform Shop will operate a second hand uniform store for parents if uniform becomes available.
- C.11.** The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and prices will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year and available from the office and website
- C.12.** School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- C.13.** Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- C.14.** 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 for consideration.

D. Evaluation:

- D.1.** This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

D.2. Attachments- See: Uniform Price List, Dress Code & Uniform Letter

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

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