Student Dress Code
POLICY

Rationale:
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.

Aims:
- 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.
- To enhance the school identity, tone, morale, self-esteem and general appearance of the students.
- To improve student safety.
- To achieve a sense of collective and individual pride in students and their identification with the school.
- To provide clear direction regarding the wearing of jewellery to school.

Implementation:
- After consultation with the school community, School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, meets the needs and wishes of various cultural, religious and ethnic groups within our community, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition, economic hardship or similar must apply in writing to the School Council.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Summer and winter uniform items are prescribed, but children can wear combinations of uniform items.
- Uniform items are sold through Beleza. Parents may purchase items elsewhere, provided the alternative items are identical to the school provided garments and do not have sporting logos, brands or printing. The school logo on hats, windcheaters, jackets, and polo shirts is preferred.
- School Council requires the Principal class members be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Arrangements may be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship. Our school will raise funds for State Schools Relief annually.
- Staff members are expected to observe the wearing of school uniform by students, and children consistently not in uniform must be brought to the attention of a principal class member.
- The wearing of school uniform forms part of the School's Code of Conduct and where the Code of Conduct is contravened, consequences as per the Code of Conduct may be implemented. Where children are noted as being continually out of school uniform a School Uniform Notice will be issued and the parent contacted.
- School Council may approve on an annual basis individual variation or modification to the uniform to allow for a Year 6 windcheater.
- The following guidelines have been put in place to protect the health, safety and well-being of all students.

- In cases of students consistently and/or regularly infringing the Student Dress Code, the following steps will be implemented by the Principal, or his/her delegate.

Step 1 - Verbal reminder to the student regarding the Student Dress Code
Step 2 - Letter sent home to parents or guardians advising of the infringement to the code
Step 3 – Internal suspension, which will remain in place for up to one week, until such time that the dress code is complied with
Step 4 – further non-compliance will result in external suspension

Jewellery

1. Stud earrings and/or sleepers (no dangling parts) can be worn in the earlobes (limited to 1 earring per ear)
2. Earrings that are inserted to enlarge the original piercing are not permitted at school.
3. Rings, studs or piercing on any part of the visible body (except the ear) are not to be worn at any time.
4. Watches are the only acceptable visible jewellery. Rings, bracelets, bands and anklets are not to be worn.
5. Necklaces are not to be worn. Religious necklaces may only be worn inside clothing.

Make up & decorative art work

1. Facial cosmetics are not to be worn at school.
2. Coloured nail polish is not permitted. Clear nail polish is permitted.
3. Visible tattoos, either permanent or temporary are not permitted *(An exception will be considered upon written request for religious Henna)*

Hair

1. Hair is to be of the natural colour. Extreme hair colour or rinses are not permitted.
2. Extreme hairstyles e.g. spiked, dreadlocks or Mohawks are not permitted.
3. For health reasons long hair should be tied back.
4. Ornate hair clips, ties and bands are not acceptable.

Hats/Headwear

1. The only hats that are acceptable are:
   - School Council approved navy blue bucket hat for Terms 1 & 4 (1st September – 30th April) provided by School Council or purchased from Beleza, which are consistent with our Sunsmart policy.
   - Plain navy blue knitted/fleecy beanies for colder weather purchased from Beleza (logo) or retail purchased hats are to have no brands, designs, sporting logos.
2. Bucket hats must be worn during all outdoor activities in accordance with dates provided by Sun Smart.
3. Hats are not to be worn inside.
4. Caps are unacceptable.
5. Religious headwear, such as turbans and hijabs may be worn in accordance with a child's religious beliefs, but must be navy blue or white. School hats must also still be worn during Terms 1 & 4 (1st September – 30th April) in accordance with our Sunsmart policy.

Footwear

1. Runners, black leather school shoes or black leather ankle length school boots are acceptable.
2. Shoes should have Velcro, buckle or lace fastenings.
3. Footwear that exposes toes, or with open heels is unacceptable at any time.
4. Canvas and/or slip on shoes are a safety concern and are not acceptable.

Uniform Requirements - Unisex

- Windcheater or Bomber Jacket - royal blue
- Polo shirts - royal blue
- Trousers/pants/shorts - navy blue (no denim or sports shorts/ skirts)

- Bucket style hat - navy blue (Sunsmart approved)
- knitted/fleecy beanie -navy blue (colder months)
- Socks - white or navy blue
- Culottes & skorts - navy blue
- Brand name clothing is not to be worn.
- Flat headbands, hair ties and 'scrunchies' may be worn.
  - navy blue or white.

N.B. Black leggings are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn.
'Hoodies' are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn.

Winter Clothing for girls

- Skivvy - white/royal blue/navy blue.
- Pinafore - navy.
- Tights - white or navy (to be worn with pinafore)

Summer Clothing for girls

- Dress – navy blue and white check (as provided by the uniform shop)
- White, long sleeve tops may be worn underneath the school dress, in accordance with religious beliefs.
- Navy blue leggings may be worn under the school dress, in accordance with religious beliefs.

Evaluation:

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

This policy was last ratified by School Council 17th June 2019