UNIFORM

 POLICY

**Rationale:**

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.

**Aims:**

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

**Implementation:**

* The wearing of school uniform is compulsory for all students except where exemption is given by the Principal/School Council.
* The Dress Code is:
* Sun smart, navy blue and white items of clothing that have been approved by school council and made available through the uniform shop. Equivalent items to those supplied by the uniform shop may be worn. Shoes should have closed toes and if sandals are worn toes should be covered and the foot strongly supported. Leather shoes and runners are recommended. No high heeled shoes are to be worn.
* The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
* Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
* Extreme hair colors (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted. Special consideration will be given to ‘Crazy Hair’ days or head shaving as part of fundraising.
* Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
* The only headwear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside in all months except May, June, July and August. Hats are not to be worn inside. Students wearing the hijab or other religious head dress must also wear “sun smart” hats.
* Good quality second hand uniforms will be offered for sale to parents.
* The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
* The coordinator of the Uniform shop will report to School Council according to DEECD Trading Operations guidelines.
* School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy and procedures
* Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
* 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.

**Evaluation:**

* To be reviewed as part of the school’s three year review process or more often if necessary

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| **Author** |  |
| **Approved By** | School Council |
| **Approval Authority (Signature & Date)** |  |
| **Date Reviewed** | May 2014 |
| **Responsible for Review** | Assistant Principal |
| **Review Date** | March, 2017 |
| **References** | <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/management/pages/dresscode.aspx> |