



# STUDENT UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE POLICY

## **Rationale:**

After consultation with members of the school community, College 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 provided, and caters for the financial constraints of families.

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 attractive and durable clothing that is cost effective for parents/caregivers, and practical for our school environment and local climate.
- To provide guidelines for the wearing of jewellery, hairstyles and make-up, in line with current occupational health and safety practices and in keeping with a student school uniform policy
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

## **Implementation:**

### **Uniform**

- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions, unless students are specifically notified that the uniform is not to be worn e.g. school camps, occasional field trips.
- Summer and winter uniforms are prescribed on the attachment, and are required to be worn by all students. It clearly lists the combinations of uniform items that may be worn or not worn together.
- All uniform items can be viewed on the school's website.
- School shoes need to be substantial for health and safety reasons so sandals and flimsy shoes are not permitted to be worn. Approved shoes can be found on the uniform list.
- Navy bucket hats are to be worn in Terms 1 and 4 whenever students are outside, in line with our Sun Smart policy. Hats should not be worn inside any buildings.
- Articles of uniform are to be clearly labelled with the student's name.
- Dress and skirt hems should be worn at a respectable height above the knee
- Optional accessories are to be navy blue (these may include a beanie, scarf and gloves).
- Hair ribbons and accessories are to be in the school colours.
- From the start of 2014 the new College uniform should be fully implemented.
- The Student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in newsletters and student planners at the start of each year.

- The College may, in the future, operate a second hand uniform shop for families.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief or Chaplaincy for families experiencing economic hardship, where possible.
- 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 School Council for consideration.

### **Make-up, Tattoos and Hair**

- Minimal make-up with neutral tones is permitted for students in Years 7-12. Students will be asked to remove any heavy make-up. No make-up is permitted for students from Prep - Grade 6.
- Clear or pale, neutral-coloured nail polish only may be worn.
- Tattoos (including temporary transfers) are to remain covered at all times.
- Extreme hair colours and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted.

### **Jewellery**

The only acceptable items of jewellery are;

- A maximum of three studs or sleepers in each ear. Ear-rings that 'dangle' or hang from the ear may not be worn at any time.
- A small discrete nose stud. Piercings on any other part of the visible body must not be worn at any time.
- A simple thin necklace or chain may be worn.
- Watches may be worn, but may be required to be removed for sport or physical education lessons, or whilst the student is involved in trade classes.
- A maximum of three flat band rings to be worn on fingers.
- 1 bracelet or bangle.
- Anklets are not to be visible.

***Items, which are not acceptable, include the following:*** Any visible facial or body jewellery including sleepers, eyebrow rings or studs, nose rings, and lip rings, ear tunnels, labrettes, heavy chunky chokers/collars/chains/studded belts or necklaces. Jewellery linked to body piercing must be removed while at school, or covered. Where jewellery linked to body piercing constitutes an OHS issue in the school environment, to the individual, or to others, it must be removed.

### **Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed every three years by School Council as part of its review cycle.

RATIFIED BY COLLEGE COUNCIL

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_  
College Council President

Review Date: November 2019