

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 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, connectedness 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.

Implementation

- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions or representing the school.
- Academic Uniforms, as well as sports uniforms are prescribed, and are required to be worn. This includes black school shoes or black runners. Coloured or fluoro shoe laces are not permitted.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Extreme hair colours (e.g. green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (e.g. spikes or shaved head patterns) are not permitted.
- Hair length that exceeds the shoulder line must be tied back – for hygiene reasons.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only headwear that is acceptable, apart from headwear worn for cultural or religious reasons, is Sunsmart hats with the school logo consistent with our Sunsmart policy.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter/student packs at the start of each year.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Arrangements can be made to subsidise 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 and School Council for consideration.

Exemptions to the student dress code

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

Years 7 – 9 Academic Capsule

- The items in the academic capsule are unisex and can be worn in any combination as long as it is authorised school academic uniform.



Items include:

- Formal Blazer
- Woollen Pullover
- Woollen Vest
- Blouse (Long/Short Sleeve)
- Shirt (Long/Short Sleeve)
- Navy Tie
- Navy Trousers
- Navy Slacks
- Navy Skirt
- Navy Shorts
- Navy Socks
- Black Leather Shoes

Years 7 – 9 Sport Capsule

The items in the sport capsule are unisex and can be worn in any combination as long as it is authorised school sport uniform.

Items include:

- House Representative Polo
- Navy Sport Short
- Navy Trackpants
- Navy Puffer Jacket
- Navy Puffer Vest
- Rugby Top

* Please note: Items from the academic and sport capsules cannot be combined.