

School Dress Code Policy

RATIONALE

A uniform dress code promotes in students a sense of identity and pride as well as cohesion and good order in the school.

AIMS

- To allow all students to feel equal and to feel a sense of belonging to the school community
- To prevent bullying and competition based on clothing
- To provide durable clothing that is practical for our school environment
- To ensure students appearance reflects the expectations of the school community
- To enhance the profile and identity of the school and our students within the wider community
- To enhance individual and group security
- To ensure all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities

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, and caters for all families.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only headwear that is acceptable, other than headwear worn for religious and/or cultural observations are Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart Policy and beanies with the school logo for the winter months.
- 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.
- 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 in line with the Balwyn North Primary School Uniform Shop List.
- 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 School Council for consideration.

Evaluation:

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

Date Ratified: 28th July 2015