

## Uniform 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 provide a sense of unity and for the safety of students in public.

### **Implementation:**

- The School Dress Code provides for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are on school excursions.
- All children attending Wilandra Rise Primary School must wear the school uniform (including sports uniform as prescribed). School uniform is available from Primary School Wear (PSW), Unit 2, 10-12 South Link, Dandenong South.
- All children are expected to attend school in clean, well maintained uniform and keep a high level of personal hygiene.
- 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 through consultation with the Principal (or delegate) to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief and other agencies 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.
- Exempted jewellery must be worn under clothing wherever possible.
- The only acceptable jewellery are stud earrings and sleepers (plain gold or silver) worn in the ears and watches.
- Extreme hair colours (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
- Hair below collar length should be tied back as a deterrent to the spreading of head lice.
- No cosmetics may be worn at school. Clear nail polish is permitted. Tattoo transfers and glitter are not permitted.
- Shoes, runners or work like boots should be safe to wear and appropriate to school related activities:- close toed and done up securely by laces, buckles or Velcro. Footwear such as slip on/ballet shoes, canvas or elasticised shoes are not permitted. Formal school shoes should be worn with formal school uniform and black or white sports shoes with sports uniform.
- It is compulsory for students to wear an approved Sunsmart hat whenever they are outdoors during Terms one and four. Children who do not bring a hat for these activities will be restricted to the central plaza at recess and at lunchtime.

- It is expected that all student tops, T-shirts, jumpers, Jackets will have the school logo on them.
- All students are expected to have a black school bag with school logo.
- Parents are required to send a note to the class teacher if their child is out of uniform. The class teacher will monitor notes and contact parents if a child is consistently producing an out of uniform note.
- Children who are out of uniform without a parental note will be issued with an "Out of Uniform Notification" which indicates the reason for the notification and must be signed by parents and returned to school the next day or the child will have a timeout the next day for half of lunch break.
- Sports uniform is to only be wore on designated sports days. Class teachers will supply parents with a weekly timetable outlining student's subject timetable at the start of each term. Alternative sport days will be advertised in weekly class newsletters and whole school newsletters.
- On Free Dress days the Sunsmart and shoe rules still apply.

### **Evaluation:**

- This policy will be evaluated as part of the school's three review cycle or as deemed necessary by the School Council