



UNIFORM

LAUNCHING PLACE PS 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.

Implementation:

After consultation with the school community and our Junior School Council, School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, reflects our current Sunsmart policy, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.

- The Dress Code (see attached) applies during school hours and when students are on school excursions. Whilst on school excursions, students are representing and promoting the school, therefore they will not be permitted to attend if out of uniform.
- Piercings are not permitted other than Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears.
- Watches are the only acceptable jewellery as rings and necklaces can prove hazardous and are easily lost/broken.
- Extreme hair colour or extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
- Hair accessories or hair ties are encouraged to be the school colours.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics and Zinc cream may not be worn at school.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is a Sunsmart hat that is consistent with our Sunsmart policy.
- For health and safety reasons the wearing of the following items is not permitted: sandals without socks, open-toed shoes, thongs, high heels, moccasins/ugg boots.
- School shoes/sneakers/runners are all appropriate everyday footwear.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- 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 who may refer to School Council.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle. This policy was last ratified by School Council in 2016.

Ratified:

Review Date: August, 2018.