

SCHOOL DRESS CODE – POLICY STATEMENT

Rationale:

The School Dress Code aims to contribute to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:

- ready identification of students and non-students at school
- fostering a sense of belonging, and
- developing mutual respect among students by minimizing visible evidence of economic or social differences

Outcomes:

1. There is a high level of support for the wearing of the official school uniform to enhance the ready identification of students and non-students in the school.
2. Families support a practical, economical yet attractive uniform which meets the needs of children and government policies regarding sun protection, equal opportunity and workplace health and safety.
3. The children have the opportunity to feel part of their school, identifying with its principles of inclusion and productive citizenship by minimizing evidence of economic, class or social differences.
4. The learning environment is enhanced by eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion.

Implementation:

1. The school community, represented by the Parents and Citizens Association and the school staff, supports an appropriate student dress code which is set out in this policy statement.
2. The school dress code is well publicised especially during the face-to-face enrolment interviews.
3. The Principal/Deputy Principal will engage in particular discussions with families where the student dress code is not being observed. The discussions would include:-
 - Any bona fide religious, cultural or medical factors influencing their child's school wear
 - Any economic considerations with which the school could assist the family
4. The Principal will record any agreement or any variation to the school uniform negotiated with individual families by official correspondence.
5. A pool of quality second hand uniforms will be held at the Uniform Shop for sale. The school may assist families with uniforms in emergency situations.
6. Official school events will require compliance with the school uniform.
7. Any child not able to wear the school uniform due to emergent situations (e.g. wet weather) should at least be dressed in school colours (blue, green) and bring a note to the classroom teacher.
8. The school expects that children will wear the school uniform daily. If a child has not brought a note of explanation from a parent/guardian, they must play in the 'Supported Play Area' for both breaks.

All items must be the same style and colour as those sold from the School Uniform shop.

GIRLS UNIFORM

There is a multi-choice uniform for girls:

Unisex Shorts	Navy blue shorts with logo and elastic waist
Skorts	Navy blue with logo, skirt at front/shorts at back
Unisex Polo Shirt	Navy blue and emerald polo shirt with school logo
Socks	Navy blue or white
Hats	Navy blue broad-brimmed/bucket sun safe with school logo

NOTE: BIKE PANTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE WEAR FOR SCHOOL

- Baggy/long style shorts that extend beyond the knee, board shorts, basketball or cargo style shorts are unacceptable.
- **Swimming:** Bikinis are not acceptable wear for swimming or swimming related activities. A one-piece swimming costume is acceptable. U.V. Protective swimwear is recommended.
- **Footwear:** Black shoes or joggers. Shoes must be velcro or lace up. *** Due to the rocky nature of some areas of the school grounds covered in footwear is required at all times.***

NOTE: THONGS, SLIP ON, OPEN AND HIGH HEELED SHOES ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE

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BOYS UNIFORM

Shorts	Navy blue shorts with logo and elastic waist
Unisex Polo Shirt	Navy blue and emerald polo shirt with school logo
Socks	Navy blue or white
Hats	Navy blue broad-brimmed/bucket sun safe with school logo

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- **Swimming:** U.V. Protective swimwear is recommended.
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Sports Uniform – Interschool or District

- Navy blue shorts or skorts with polo shirt
- Footwear: Black joggers
- Socks: Navy blue or white
- Hats: Navy blue broad-brimmed/bucket sun safe hats with school logo.

House Uniform - Interhouse Sports or Athletics

- Navy blue shorts or skorts with House T-shirts Maiba (Blue), Bunyi (Red), Waran (Yellow), Kabul (Sea Green)
- Footwear: Black joggers
- Socks: Navy blue or white
- Hats: Navy blue broad-brimmed/bucket sun safe hats with school logo.

Winter Uniform – Boys and Girls

In the winter months the school uniform may be complemented by:

- Navy blue track suit
- Navy blue Tullawong fleecy zip jacket

NOTE: UNDERSHIRTS, JEANS AND NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM JUMPERS ARE UNACCEPTABLE

It is an expectation that children attending this school wear the uniform which has been selected by our Uniform Committee and endorsed by our Parents and Citizens Association.

It is considered that the wearing of a school uniform allows our students to exhibit both a sense of identity and sense of unity. Certainly the wearing of the school uniform by our students reflects their pride in our school's standards, achievements and reputation within the community. The wearing of school uniform at school and community functions enhances the public's perception of our school and of our students. The manner in which our uniform is worn to present a neat and tidy appearance is an indication of individual pride in our school.

It is a requirement that children participating in excursions wear the school uniform as this allows ready identification of our students.

It should be noted that a school hat and suitable footwear are considered an integral part of our school uniform, as we are a Sun Smart School. With current concerns regarding the early development of skin cancer parents/guardians are strongly advised to ensure that their children wear a school hat and sunscreen to school.

NOTE: Children without a school hat will be restricted to shaded areas during recesses and will not be permitted to participate in outdoor activities. The high UV rating of our uniform materials is also a relevant sun-safe factor. Thongs are not considered acceptable footwear as they are potentially dangerous in many school activities.

Hair

Hair should be worn neatly in a style and colour appropriate to primary school aged children. Staff will provide guidance to children whose hair style and/or colour detracts from their learning (e.g. hair over the eyes). Students will be encouraged to tie back long hair.

Jewellery

Jewellery is restricted under Workplace Health and Safety legislation to:

- a watch
- a signet ring
- a medical bracelet or chain
- one set of small ear studs or sleepers
- religious medallion worn inside clothing

Students wearing other jewellery will be asked to remove the item and if necessary give it to the teacher for safe-keeping for the remainder of the day. Students must request the item upon departure at the end of the school day. Hair ties are only in the hair and not on wrists.

Make-Up and Nail Polish

Make-up is restricted to medical or cultural needs. Only clear nail polish is to be worn. Students wearing coloured nail polish may be asked to remove it at the office.