



DRESS CODE POLICY

RATIONALE

The school community believes the wearing of school uniform:

- Fosters and enhances the public image of the school
- Assists in building school and team spirit
- Ensures students are safely dressed for specific school activities
- Encourages equity among students
- Reduces the effects of popular culture and image

GUIDELINES

The wearing of school uniform is compulsory for all students from Pre-primary to Year 6. Kindergarten students are strongly encouraged to wear the school uniform. Students who are involved in representing the school at official school activities including sports carnivals, social events, choir performances and excursions are required to wear the appropriate school uniform, as determined by the coordinating teacher. eg Sport shirt, Choir shirt and so on.

Faction tee shirts, with the school crest, may be worn as normal school uniform one day a week on the day designated for physical education or sport.

Year six students design and wear a school leavers' tee shirt, to be worn as an everyday substitute to the standard school polo.

Dress code requirements:

The standard school uniform colours are bottle green and gold. Neat, clean school uniform is to be worn at all times. Parents are able to acquire the appropriate items needed for their child through the Uniform Shop. Parents enrolling a child at the school will be advised of the uniform requirements and will ensure students have obtained appropriate school uniform prior to commencing.

Appropriate, safe, closed in footwear or school sandals should be worn. Scuffs, thongs, massage sandals, fashion shoes and boots and high heels are deemed unsafe and not appropriate. Sports shoes are required for physical education activities.

For safety reasons, jewellery, other than sleepers, studs and watches, is not to be worn. Body piercing is a safety issue and as such, sleepers and studs may only be worn in ears.

Hair that is shoulder length or longer, for both health and safety reasons, must be tied back. The dyeing of the hair of primary school aged children is not recommended and colours other than natural hair colours are unacceptable, except during the athletics carnival, when faction colours can be sprayed in hair.

If parents are having difficulty meeting the dress code requirements for medical, cultural or financial reasons, contact must be made with the principal or a deputy, in order to discuss appropriate alternatives.

Non-compliance with the dress code

If concerns are raised about the appropriateness of a student's dress, consultation will take place between the parents and the school, where the expectations and benefits of wearing a school uniform and the dress code of the school will be reinforced.

Changes to the dress code

All changes to the school dress code must be approved by the School Board, following an appropriate consultation process. Significant changes must be phased in over a two year period.