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

GUIDELINES FOR ACTION

1. A Dress Code shall be maintained that provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
2. All students in Prep to Year 6 adhere to the School's Dress Code.
3. The Dress Code applies during school hours, and when students are on school excursions or sporting activities (unless otherwise permitted by the Principal)
4. The wearing of 'sun-smart' hats is compulsory from 1st September – 30th April (see hats). Hats are not to be worn inside.
5. The Student Dress Code will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
6. The Principal is responsible for implementation of the Dress Code Policy. Breaches of this policy will be treated as a misdemeanour, consistent with the school’s Student Engagement and Well Being Guidelines.
7. Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code Policy due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition, must apply in writing to the Principal
8. The only logo permitted on all clothing is the school logo.
9. The school will only approve hats that have safety cords that are designated to release if caught.
10. The school will recommend that parents provide their child with school bags that minimise the risk of back injury to students, such as those endorsed by the Australian Physiotherapy Association.
UNIFORM POLICY

The “Student Dress Code” consists of the following items:

**Boys**
- Red polo shirt or skivvy
- **All black** shorts, trousers or tracksuit pants
- Red crew necked Windcheater
- School bomber jacket

**Girls**
- Red Polo shirt or skivvy
- Red & White gingham dress (bike shorts in school colours are acceptable under the dress)
- All black shorts, tracksuit pants or black slacks
- All black skirt or skorts
- Red crew necked Windcheater
- School bomber jacket

**Please note:**
- Denim pants are not acceptable
- Black leggings worn instead of trousers are not acceptable

**Footwear**
- Black leather school shoes either lace up or Velcro fastenings
- Girls can wear black T-Bar shoes
- Students should bring runners to change into on the days they have sport and PE

**Socks** – plain white, black or red

**Scarves** – must be in school colours

**Optional Wear – Year 6 Windcheater, or polo shirt** (for current year, as approved by the Principal), to be worn by Year 6 students only.

**Headwear**
- Hats – From 1st September – 30th April all students in Prep to Year 6 are required to wear a sun hat. Sun hats, such as a Legionnaire’s or slouch hat, must protect student’s head, face, neck and ears. Sun hats must be red. From 1st May – 31st August, Beanies are permitted. Beanies must be all red or all black.
- Headscarves and hijabs must be in one of the school colours - red or black or white.
- Baseball caps are not permitted.

**Jewellery** – stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches, are the only acceptable jewellery, e.g. large hoops and earrings that dangle from the ear may not be worn, for safety reasons

**Cosmetics** – Cosmetics, including nail polish may not be worn at school, unless for designated occasions, with the approval of the Principal.

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