

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

Rationale:

A student dress code establishes a sense of pride, identifies students' members of our school community, and portrays a sense of belonging and unity. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that need consideration when establishing a student dress code.

Purpose:

The purposes of a dress code include:

- promoting students' sense of identity with and pride in the school
- allowing all students to feel equal
- ensuring that students' appearance reflects the expectations of their community
- preventing bullying and reducing competition between students on the basis of clothing
- strengthening the spirit of community within the school
- to maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community
- enhancing individual student safety and group security
- ensuring students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- encouraging students to present themselves appropriately for a particular role and develop pride in their appearance.

Implementation:

- After consultation with the school community, School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows 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.
- The school will ensure that uniforms are provided in any circumstances where students are unable to comply with the dress code due to economic hardship, by obtaining funds from agencies that provide assistance to families where required (State Schools Relief)
- Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.
- If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If noncompliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event , the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.
- The principal may grant exemptions or make slight modifications to the dress requirements based on issues of a personal nature (health, religious beliefs, student disability, ethnic or cultural background)
- The only headwear which is acceptable are Sun smart hats consistent with our Sun smart policy (caps are not acceptable). They must be worn outside in terms 1 and 4.
- In the interest of student safety, jewellery is strongly discouraged from being worn to school, stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears and watches are acceptable jewellery.
- Sandringham sports uniforms for years 5 and 6 can contribute significantly to the development of team spirit and can be worn only on sports days.
- The Sandringham PS will offer a range of uniform items for sale at the school Uniform shop.
- The Sandringham Primary school dress is a summer check dress or navy winter tunic with a white skivvy or long sleeve school polo, skorts with navy leggings, navy tights, navy bootleg pants, short or long sleeve school polo, school rugby top or bomber jacket, navy scarves, navy bike short. Leggings are only to be worn under tunics, skorts or dresses, navy cargo shorts, navy cargo pants, navy track pants, short or long sleeve school polo, school rugby, closed toe shoes, white or navy socks.
- Sports uniform (year 5 & 6 only and only to be worn on sports day), sport top, sport short, sport socks.

Bags

- The school recommends Sandringham Primary School bags, which are in accordance with health and safety regulations.