Uniform Policy

Rationale:

A uniform dress code reinforces in children 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 children
• 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, School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides choice for children, allows children 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 children are on school excursions.
• Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn. Correct summer uniform is to be worn in Terms One and Four each year. Correct winter uniform is to be worn in Terms Two and Three. Both uniforms have the capacity to cater for the temperatures between seasons.
• Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the lower earlobe are the only acceptable jewellery. Watches are permissible upon parent approval. No responsibility is accepted by the school.
• Extreme hair colors (eg: green, pink or purple rinses, etc.) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes, mohawks, chisel cutting, etc.) are not permitted.
• Cosmetics, including nail polish, may not be worn at school and will be removed if worn.
• The only headwear that is acceptable is the black school hat, consistent with our Sunsmart policy. The hat must be worn outside in Terms One and Four. Hats are not to be worn inside. It is advisable to have two hats to ensure they are regularly laundered, etc.
• Details of uniform items, prices and places of purchase are available at the School Office
• School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the dress code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
• Arrangements can be made with State Schools Relief to assist 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 School Council for consideration.