

Student Dress Code Policy

Rationale:

The Student Dress Code:

- assists students in taking pride in their own appearance, allows them to be recognised as an integral part of our school community and develops pride in representing our school
- takes into account issues of equality, socio economic status, health, individual safety and group security
- details the school's expectations of student appearance during school hours and associated school activities
- assists in increasing students' engagement and belonging to the school
- upholds human rights and anti-discrimination laws
- complies with the Department of Education and Training (DET) guidelines, the Education and Training Reform Act 2006, Education and Training Regulations 2007, the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities and the Equal Opportunity Act 1995.

Aims:

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- promote equality amongst all students
- further develop a sense of pride in and identification with our school
- provide a durable school uniform that is cost effective and practical for our school environment
- maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the wider community
- maintain and develop individual student safety and group security outside the school environment
- promote unity and self-esteem among our students.

Implementation:

- The Principal, in conjunction with staff and parents, has the responsibility for the implementation of the Student Dress Code. The Principal should ensure guidelines are consistent with the Student Wellbeing Engagement Policy, Sun Smart Policy and DET Guidelines
- the Student Dress Code is available on the school website. Information regarding appropriate school attire is in the parent information booklet and is given to parents on enrolment of their child
- regular school uniform reminders are published in the school newsletter
- students at Coral Park will wear the school colours of royal blue and gold
- students have a choice of wearing clothes that allow them to engage safely in a range of school activities (e.g. sport), is contemporary, follows health and safety guidelines, caters for different cultural, religious and family financial circumstances, balances the rights of individuals with the rights of the school and caters for different weather conditions. Clothing choices include pants, leggings, shorts, skirts, dresses, skorts, polo shirts, t-shirts, jumpers and jackets
- students must wear closed toe shoes, suitable for their engagement in all areas of their schooling, including curriculum, Physical Education and playground use
- students with hair reaching or past their shoulders must tie their hair back. This is to assist with the management of head lice throughout the school
- students in Year 6 have the option of purchasing and wearing a specially designed polo shirt commemorating their final year of primary schooling. The design will be selected collaboratively by Year 6 students and teachers each year. The Coral Park logo will appear on the front and the names of grade 6 students and teachers will be printed on the back
- students must wear a wide brimmed hat when playing outside during the months of September through to the end of April
- hats are available for purchase from the front office
- hats or hoods are not to be worn inside during class or during school assembly

- the Student Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are on school excursions
- the school will operate a second hand uniform stall for parents. This will be advertised in the school newsletter
- parents having difficulty purchasing school uniforms will be supported as much as possible. This includes using the State Schools Relief Fund or in extenuating circumstances using the school based welfare budget
- parents with complaints or seeking exemptions to the Student Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability or health conditions should discuss these with the Principal. They also must apply in writing the reason for the exemption and are encouraged to support their case with evidence, so an informed decision can be made. These will be considered by the Principal on a case by case basis. The Regional Office may be involved in this process. Modifications to uniform will be contemplated in exceptional circumstances
- if the Principal is consistently granting exemptions for the same issue, the school should review its dress code. If parents, carers or students would like the student dress code changed, they should bring these concerns to the School Council for consideration in its next review of the dress code
- students should only be excluded from school situations for breaches of the dress code when all other measures have been implemented without success
- the school recommends PSW as the supplier of the school uniform
- any major changes in the future to the dress code will be communicated to the school community and be consultative. This will include an explanation of the purpose for the change, seek input from different groups within the school community and provide a reasonable time frame for implementation. The school will document dress code consultations as evidence that fair and proper consultative processes were followed.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed every 3-4 years as determined by the Department of Education and Training, or earlier as required.

Review Cycle

This policy was last updated on 2nd June 2020 and is scheduled for review in March 2024.