

Student Dress Code

Rationale/Purpose

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 Student Dress Code.

Guidelines

- 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.
- The Student Dress code applies to students travelling to and from school, during school hours and when students are engaged in school activities outside of school hours.

Implementation

- After consultation with the school community, including the Junior School Council, School Council shall develop a student dress code that shall:
 - i. Provide choice
 - ii. Allows for the safe participation in school activities and,
 - iii. Caters for the financial constraints of parents.
- The school principal and staff will be responsible for the implementation of the student dress code.
- For families experiencing financial hardship, arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools' Relief, please speak to the Assistant Principal.
- Parents or students seeking exemptions to the dress code due to cultural or religious beliefs, health or disability reasons or any other reason can do so by applying in writing to the principal. (See Appendix A)
- This policy and an up to date uniform price list shall:
 - i. Be a permanent feature of the school website.
 - ii. Form part of the information pack for new students,
 - iii. Be featured at information nights for new students and,
 - iv. Be communicated through the school newsletter at least once per semester.
- The school shall have in place a process for the purchasing of second hand uniforms.
- Students not in full school uniform require a note signed by a parent explaining the reason and when a return to full school uniform will be. Continual non-compliance with this policy will be dealt with by the Principal or their representative and may involve appropriate sanctions for students and/or meetings with parents in line with the school's Student Engagement Policy.
- Students should NOT normally be excluded from class or sent home for minor infringements of the student dress code as dress code infringements are not usually linked to interference with the rights of other students or the capacity of a teacher to teach a class. Exceptions to this might include issues of safety or where students are representing the school.
- Parents or carers can raise specific complaints about the dress code with the school (see: School Grievance Policy) or suggest desired dress code changes to the school council for consideration in the next review of the dress code.

Evaluation

This policy is to be reviewed annually, except if there is a number of exemptions for a similar issue which may then require this policy be reviewed at any stage deemed appropriate by the principal.

References:

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development - Student Policy and Advisory Guide

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The Exemption Process for Newport Gardens Primary School

This table describes the exemption process.

Stage	Description
1	Parents, carers or students approach the principal for an exemption.
2	The Principal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> explains the exemption process to the applicant guarantees that issues of a personal nature revealed to substantiate the request will be strictly confidential encourages the applicant to support their case with evidence. considers the grounds for exemption
3	The principal seeks to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. This may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a modification of the dress requirements rather than a complete exemption granting assistance to allow compliance with the dress code without embarrassment or stigma (for example, when the exemption is sought for economic purposes) conditions under which the exemption is allowed.
4	The principal either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> grants an exemption, or provides reasons in writing when an exemption is not granted.
5	The principal keeps a written record of all the decisions made and the reasons provided, in case a decision is questioned. Note: If the principal is consistently granting exemptions on similar grounds, the school should review its dress code to try to meet these needs within the code.

- The school shall offer graduation tops that may be purchased by students in grade 6. The design of these tops will be influenced by student discussion with the final design being approved by the principal or their representative. These tops will be ordered no later than March of any given year.
- Stud earrings or sleepers, worn in the ears, watches and discreet necklaces are the only jewellery to be worn.
- Students are able to wear runners or leather school shoes of their choice. All shoes must be closed toe. Sandals, thongs, high heel shoes or high leg boots are not acceptable.
- Students are to have natural hair colours. Outlandish hairstyles or colours are not permitted except for approved school activities. It is highly recommended that long hair be tied back using sensible hair ties or *scrunchies* to prevent the spread of head lice. We encourage hair accessories such as clips, headbands, *scrunchies* and elastics to be in navy, turquoise or white.
- Make up must not be worn by students at the school except for approved school activities.
- Headscarves worn by students must be either navy blue or white.
- School sports tops are available for students in the Middle and Senior School and must only be worn for physical education, inter/intra-school sport or when representing the school at sports carnivals.
- Whilst recommended, sports tops are not compulsory and student participation in these events or activities will not be affected in any way if students do not have the optional sports top.
- Parents may purchase items of uniform that DO NOT have the school logo from other sources, so long as there is a direct match in colour and style. All other items must be purchased through the school's supplier.
- The school bag with logo is highly recommended as it is specifically designed for comfort, back safety and durability. Parents choosing not to purchase the school bag may purchase a plain navy blue bag instead.
- During terms 1 & 4, students must wear the approved school hat when outside.
- During casual clothes days, students must still cover their shoulders and mid-riff, wear closed toe footwear, be Sunsmart in terms 1 and 4 and not have any offensive material on their clothing.

Below is a list of the current approved student uniform list that includes:

- Short and long sleeve polo shirt with embroidered logo
- Zip jacket with embroidered logo
- Polar fleece jacket with embroidered logo
- Polar fleece vest with embroidered logo*(Yet to be confirmed)
- V-neck windcheater with embroidered logo
- Cargo shorts
- Rugby shorts
- Double knee tracksuit pants with cuff
- Double knee tracksuit pants with straight leg
- Cargo pants
- Skorts
- Bootleg pants
- Summer dress - To be worn with navy blue or white tights or socks. Not to be worn with pants or leggings
- Winter tunic -To be worn with a white or turquoise skivvy or long or short sleeved polo shirts. Tights or socks are to be navy blue or white
- Approved accessories include:
 - Navy blue raincoat
 - Art-smock
 - Navy blue winter tights (Leggings are not to be worn)
 - Slouch hat with embroidered logo
 - Polar fleece beanie with embroidered logo
 - Explorer backpack with embroidered logo

