

Objectives

Policy statement

A school uniform consists of a limited range of clothing, including footwear and headwear. It identifies students as belonging to a particular school. Schools usually expect students to wear the uniform during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when engaged in school activities out of school hours.

Rationale

The wearing of school uniform encourages a sense of equity, school identity and pride.

Parents are able to provide economical, appropriate and durable clothing for their children.

The school uniform has been designed to allow all students to participate in all aspects of school activities with comfort and dignity.

Dress Code

All students are required to wear a wide brimmed hat in accordance with the school Sunsafe policy. No Hat. No Play.

Students should wear footwear that facilitates physical activity. Shoes should, where possible be black (Mon -Thurs) while athletic sports shoes are acceptable on Friday.

Thongs and sandals (uncovered footwear) is not acceptable.

All forms of jewellery are discouraged to avoid loss of precious items and injury to students. Sleeper earrings or studs may be worn. These may be required to be removed for sporting activities due to health and safety concerns.

Careful selection of a school uniform can contribute to the health and safety of students when engaged in school activities. A school uniform should reflect school community standards and expectations. It should be developed in consultation with and agreed upon by the school community. It should be based on a strong student and parent voice. The whole school community.

Decisions about school uniforms should be consistent with work health and safety, anti-discrimination and equal opportunity legislation. Aspects of the uniform related to safety, eg. safe footwear, eye protection and hats, will need to be enforced as appropriate.

Each school's uniform policy must be the result of formal consultation with students, teachers and parents or carers, including the Parents and Citizens' Association, local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group and School Council where relevant. The consultation will be conducted in a manner appropriate to each school and be based on participatory decision-making principles. The school's uniform policy and uniform requirements should be formally endorsed by the school community before implementation.

A school's uniform policy should take into account the diverse nature of the student population in the school and not disadvantage any student. Economic, personal, social and cultural factors affecting students and their families must be considered when deciding on

items of uniform. Other considerations, such as body shape or religious requirements should be taken into account in making a final decision on the design and fabric of school uniforms.

The school's uniform policy and school uniform requirements should be reviewed at least every five years and amended where necessary. Groups within the school community may also seek a review when circumstances change significantly or issues arise.

General

Parents/Caregivers are asked to label all items of school uniform.

A uniform pool is operated at school each term. Items of outgrown uniform in reasonable condition are then made available to newly transferred students and to all members to the school community at a reduced cost.

Implementing school uniform requirements

Positive reinforcement and encouraging responsible behaviour are the preferred approaches to ensuring students wear the school uniform.

Everyone has a role in setting the standards for the school. Teachers and other school staff model appropriate standards for students. They should dress in a professional manner at all times.

Suspension or expulsion solely for non-compliance with uniform requirements is not to occur. Student enrolment cannot be contingent upon adherence to school uniform policy.

Students should not be disadvantaged where required uniform items are not available because of circumstances beyond their control.

Response to students who do not wear uniform must be appropriate. They should be clarified, agreed upon by the school community and documented. Response must be fair and consistent. They must not prevent students from continued participation in essential curriculum activities except where exclusion is necessary for reasons of safety. In this situation, alternative educational activities must be provided.

Arrangements with clothing suppliers

Arrangements for the supply of uniforms with individual firms, where selected firms receive preference in the placement of orders or publicly, can only be entered into following public tendering.

Waniora School uniform supplies are available from (but not limited to):

South Coast Uniforms - Denise Salm
WB Sports - Melynda Air

Any change in school uniform has significance not only for students and their parents or carers but also for those agencies that supply school uniforms.

Any school which, after a process of consultation with students, teachers and parents or carers, proposes a change in school uniform should announce its decision early in the school year preceding the change. All parents or carers and, as far as is practicable, all retailers

concerned must be notified. Some schools may need to allow up to three years for change, to enable school uniform shops and others with significant stocks of the uniform to be replaced to prepare for the change.

Context

The Department of Education and Communities supports the wearing of school uniforms by students and the upholding of high standards of dress by students and staff. The department recognises that NSW has a long history of school uniforms or dress codes being decided by the local school community.

Responsibilities and delegations

It is the responsibility of the principal to ensure that the school uniform policy is developed and reviewed collaboratively with the school community.

When a school community agrees on a school uniform, the principal oversees the shared responsibility for ensuring that students are encouraged to wear school uniforms that meet agreed community standards and adhere to legislative requirements.

Principals must provide parents or carers with the school's uniform policy and school uniform requirements.

Principals who operate within the policy framework will be supported by the department in the implementation of this policy.

Girls

Summer - Option of

Gold, white and brown checked dress or maroon shorts/skort with yellow t-shirt. Polo neck in style and with school emblem. **BIKE PANTS/SHORTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.** White socks and black shoes. Joggers are acceptable. (preferably black)

Winter

Maroon track suit with school emblem. Yellow long sleeve polo shirt or skivvy.

Boys

Summer

Grey shorts and yellow polo neck t-shirt with school emblem. Grey socks and black shoes. Joggers are acceptable. (preferably black).

Winter

Maroon track suit with school emblem and yellow long sleeve polo neck t-shirt or skivvy.

Sport

Sport uniform is not required for the Junior school.

Sports uniforms for Years 3 upwards are available from the front office.

Sports Shirt	\$30.00
Sports Shorts	\$20.00

House Colours

Surnames	A - D	Pacific	Blue T-Shirt
	E - J	Collins	Red T-Shirt
	K - Q	Sandon	Yellow T-Shirt
	R - Z	Brokers	Green T-Shirt



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