



UNIFORM POLICY

Rationale:

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 Uniform Dress Code.

Nature of the Program:

This Dress Code has evolved after consultation with Students, Parents and Teachers. If a thorough and clearly defined Dress Code Policy exists, and is accepted and implemented by all, then Parents, Teachers and Students can direct more time, effort and resources to ensuring that students learn and develop their potential.

Parents are requested to ensure that their child wears the school uniform that is correct and is kept in a clean and tidy condition. Variations to the school uniform are not permitted, unless substantiation is provided on medical or religious grounds.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of belonging, pride 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.
- After consultation with the school community, the School Council has developed a Uniform Dress Code that provides a neat and practical style of dress for the students. It allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- Ensure new students are assimilated quickly.
- Uniforms can be purchased from the independent local supplier or the school second hand uniform shop.

Implementation:

- The Uniform dress code applies during school hours, while travelling to/from school, and when students are on school related activities unless otherwise specified by the school.
- Thongs, open-toed sandals, scuffs, ugg boots, gum boots, platform soles and slip on shoes are not acceptable footwear.
- For safety reasons, stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears are acceptable. Dangling earrings, necklaces, costume jewellery and loose bangles may get caught on playground equipment and are to be avoided.
- All students will have neat and tidy hair tied back from their face. All shoulder length hair must be tied back with appropriate hair ties in school colours for health and safety reasons, and to reduce the possibility of infestation of head lice.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is the approved SunSmart Mt Duneed Regional Primary School hat consistent with DET's SunSmart policy and a school beanie (Baseball caps are not permitted). SunSmart hats are to be worn in terms 1 & 4 or when directed by the Principal or Staff and are not to be worn inside.
- During colder months, all beanies, scarves, gloves and jackets are to be navy blue.
- Make up and coloured nail polish is not to be worn.
- Long sleeve t-shirts are not to be worn under school polo shirts. Nor will tracksuit pants or long leggings be worn under dresses.
- Parents/Guardians are responsible for ensuring their child/ren are dressed in school uniform.
- Classroom teachers, along with the Principal, are responsible for ensuring that clothing, footwear, sunhats etc, meet the appropriate standards in regard to student safety and overall student presentation and appearance, in line with this policy.
- When a Parent/Guardian can demonstrate significant economic hardship that prevents their child/ren from complying with the dress code they can make application for special funds from the Principal.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Uniform Dress code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship, should see the principal.
- Parents are expected to name all pieces of clothing.

- All lost clothing will be gathered into one place. This will be sorted at the end of term and named items will be returned to students. All unnamed items will be washed and put in the second hand uniform shop.
- All students are required to wear the approved School Uniform which is defined as:

GIRLS

Approved Blue and white gingham school dress
 School kilt
 Jade (short or long sleeve) Polo shirt (with school logo)
 Navy track pants
 Navy boot leg pants
 Navy skivvy. White skivvies are not school uniform.
 Navy with jade windcheater (with school logo)
 Navy skorts
 Navy shorts (no brand logo to be displayed)
 Navy SunSmart approved hat
 Appropriate predominately black or white runners, or black school shoes
 Navy beanie
 Navy scarf
 Year 6 students – Year 6 jumper
 Navy jacket
 Navy tights

BOYS

Navy shorts (no brand logo to be displayed)
 Jade (short or long sleeve) Polo shirt (with school logo)
 Navy with jade windcheater (with school logo)
 Navy track pants
 Navy gaberdine pants/cords
 Navy skivvy. White skivvies are not school uniform.
 Navy SunSmart approved hat
 Appropriate predominately black or white runners, or black school shoes
 Navy beanie
 Navy scarf
 Year 6 students – Year 6 jumper
 Navy jacket

Evaluation:

- School Council will evaluate regular formal and informal feedback from all members of the school community.
- Uniform Shop and second hand uniform shop coordinators will report to finance Committee and School council with regards to changes in items, prices, and other recommendations.
- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

Resources:

State School Relief is provided for students in economic situations which make uniform purchase difficult.
 Donation of uniforms to school to support uniform policy and families.
 Second hand uniform shop.