

School Dress Code Policy

Purpose

We believe that a uniform establishes a sense of pride, belonging, purpose and identity among students. Our uniform presents a unified image to the public and can be easily identified in and around the community.

The wearing of the school uniform at all times is encouraged. Children representing the school in the choir or sports teams must wear school uniform and appropriate activity specific attire to participate.

The full range of clothing has been approved by the School Board and is available from the Uniform Concepts store located at 834 Beaufort Street Inglewood. Uniforms can be ordered in store, online, or via email with order forms available on the school website.

Clothing which is of the same style and colour may be purchased from alternate sources.

Dress Code Requirements

Students can choose from and are encouraged to wear any of the following:

- Grey shorts, skirts, skorts, and track pants.
- Red polo shirt
- Grey zip jacket
- School dress

Students who choose to wear the school dress or grey skirt may also choose to wear plain grey leggings underneath these garments, however, cannot wear leggings on their own.

During participation in the school sports carnival students are encouraged to wear the appropriate clothing for the sporting activity in the colour of their faction.

Footwear

Appropriate covered footwear, i.e. no thongs, ugg boots, massage sandals or surf sandals.

Hat

A red broad brimmed hat must be worn for activities outdoors. The “No hat, play in the shade” policy will apply.



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Name Tags

All school clothing should be marked clearly with the family name using either name tags or a permanent marker pen. To ensure privacy of students', names are not to be written externally on uniforms.

Physical Education and Playground Activities

To support our Physical Education program at school it is important that students are appropriately dressed for activities. This includes appropriate footwear, not sandals or thongs, particularly on days where student have scheduled Physical Education lessons.

Interschool Sport

The school will provide all students selected in interschool sporting competitions with an appropriate uniform depending on the sport excluding footwear and hats. The Physical Education teacher will ensure that interschool sports uniforms will be available for all students selected.

Graduation Uniform

Students in Year 6 may purchase a Graduation Student shirt. These items are part of the school uniform and are to be worn with school uniform base clothing.

Hair and Jewellery

Hair should be neat and secured away from the face. Hair that is shoulder length or longer is to be tied back as this can present a health and safety issue.

To ensure children's safety, jewellery should be limited to watches and stud or sleeper earrings. Jewellery may need to be removed during certain activities.

Procedures for Managing Non-Compliance with the Dress Code

Positive promotion of the school uniform/dress code will be the main course of action taken to assist students to meet the dress code requirements. We believe students play a role in meeting the school dress code requirements and this is reflected by their involvement through the positive promotion and reminders of our expectations. However, it is ultimately the parent's responsibility to support their children to meet these expectations and this is evidenced by parents being engaged at Step 2.

Step 1.

Students will be reminded of the school dress code requirements informally by a member of staff.

Step 2

Letter sent home to parents to raise the matter of non-compliance with the school dress code and the need to take action to ensure students are in the appropriate clothing.

Step 3

Parents will be contacted by administration to ascertain the reason for continued non-compliance and provide support, where necessary, to families to meet these requirements.

Step 4

As per the School Education Act 2000, Regulation 36, if a non-complying student is enrolled in a primary program, sanctions will be limited to the following actions only:

- preventing the student from attending any activity in which the student would have been representing the school; or
- preventing the student from attending or participating in any school activity which, in the opinion of the principal, is not part of the educational program.

Exemptions

An application for exemption and any exemption granted may apply to individuals, all students at the school or to all students in a specific category. Where an exemption applies, students should still be neat and dressed in accordance with other provisions in the school's dress code.

Under Regulation 35(2) of the *School Education Regulations 2000*, the principal may provide an exemption on any of the following grounds:

- the unavailability of an item;
- a matter relating to the student's health;
- a matter relating to the religious beliefs of the student or the student's family;
- a matter relating to the cultural background of the student or the student's family; or
- any other matter which in the principal's opinion is sufficient to exempt the student from complying with the requirement.

Under Regulation 35(4) of the *School Education Regulations 2000*, the details of an exemption must include:

- each requirement of the dress code which the student is exempt from complying with;
- the time period for which the exemption has effect;
- the grounds for the exemption; and
- any relevant condition.

The Dress Code Policy will be reviewed every 2 years or earlier if required by the Board, with the next review due in 2023.