

UNIFORM DRESS CODE

SOUTHERN RISE SCHOOL SPECIFIC 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 Dress Code.

Aims:

- 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.

Implementation:

- School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Summer and winter uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- As per sunsmart policy only UV wrap around AS 1067 sunglasses are suitable to wear at school.
- Obvious make-up such as colored lip sticks, colored lip glosses, eye make-up, skin glitters, blush, extreme or unnatural hair dyes or colored hair gels, and colored zinc creams etc, are not approved whilst children attend school, or school excursions or camps, unless the activity requires make-up etc eg: theatrical performances or approved events such as footy day.
- Cosmetics such as skin toners used to disguise medical conditions may be approved if supported by appropriate documentation. Applications should be made to the principal.
- Finger nails should have no polish. Clear polish is acceptable.
- Tattoos (including temporary transfers) are to remain covered at all times.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside in terms 1 & 4. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the School Information Booklet.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal for consideration.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

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