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 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, connectedness 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

• The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions or representing the school.
• Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms are prescribed, and are required to be worn. This includes black school shoes or black runners. Coloured or fluoro shoe laces are not permitted.
• Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
• Extreme hair colours (e.g. green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (e.g. spikes or shaved head patterns) are not permitted.
• Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
• The only headwear that is acceptable, apart from headwear worn for cultural or religious reasons, is Sunsmart hats with the school logo 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 newsletter/student packs at the start of each year.
• 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 subsidise 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 and School Council for consideration.