**UNIFORM (DRESS CODE) 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:**

1. To promote equality amongst all students.
2. To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
3. To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
4. To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

**Implementation:**

* After consultation with the school community and the Junior School Council, 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.
* School uniform is compulsory and required to be worn.
* Small stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears only, plus watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.
* Extreme hair colours (e.g. green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (e.g. mohawks) are not permitted.
* Different coats and jackets may be worn to and from school on cold and wet days.
* Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
* Out of Uniform Days will be organised occasionally for the purposes such as fundraising, SWPBS rewards. Appropriate clothing must be worn at this time, including closed shoes. Offensive T-shirts and thongs are not permitted.
* In Term 1 & 4 a royal blue broad brimmed hat must be worn outside during recess and lunch and during outside sporting activities as part of our Sun Smart policy. Hats are not to be worn inside.
* Acceptable school shoes include black school shoes and runners (preferably black or white). Shoes must be lace up or Velcro. Skate shoes or ballet flats are not acceptable.
* Students on camps are not required to wear uniform
* School Council requires the Principal and staff to be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
* 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.
* The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and place of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year and available from the office

**Evaluation:**

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