

## **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 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 it believes 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.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Long hair will be tied back for health and safety.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics will not be worn at school.
- Sunglasses may be worn during recess or lunch breaks, or may be worn on camps and excursions but remain the responsibility of the student at all times.
- Shoes should have a covered in toe for safety.
- Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy must be worn outside in terms 1 and 4. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items, places of purchase and price will be published in the newsletter at the start of each term.
- School Council requires the Principal 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 School Council.
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### **Evaluation:**

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