

RATIONALE

Knox Park Primary School aims to promote a sense of school identity and pride through the use of a consistent school uniform and dress code. Our dress code encourages students to develop pride in their appearance and prevents bullying and competition on the basis of clothing. The school's dress code enhances individual student safety and group security, as well as ensuring all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities. It also ensures that our students' appearance reflects the expectations of our school community and boosts the school and our students' profile within the wider community.

AIMS

- To maintain the school's atmosphere, identity, prestige, tone and spirit
- To promote within the students a sense of pride and school identity and enhance the supervision and safety on excursions
- To provide clothing that is practicable, presentable and affordable
- To eliminate peer group pressure to wear less appropriate clothing to school

GUIDELINES

The student dress code applies:

- During school hours.
- While travelling to and from school.
- When students are engaged in school activities out of school hours, except when otherwise advised.

The 'Student Dress Code' consists of the following items:

- Blue polo shirt with logo – short or long sleeve
- Navy shorts or tracksuit pants
- Zip jacket with logo
- Podium jacket with logo
- Contrast hoodie with logo
- Navy skort
- Navy tunic
- Navy legionnaires or wide brimmed 'surf' with logo
- Socks and hair accessories, should be dark in colours or white.
- Year 6 jumper or polo shirt (year 6 students only), Summer dress
- Sports Top (grades 5 and 6 students only)

Optional –school backpack, Navy beanie

Jewellery – Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches, are the only acceptable jewellery, e.g. large hoops and earrings that dangle from the ear may not be worn for safety reasons.

Cosmetics – Cosmetics (including nail polish and body adornments) may not be worn at school, unless for designated occasions, with the approval of the Principal.

Shoes – Shoes must have enclosed toes. Runners or black leather school shoes are permitted.

IMPLEMENTATION

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- Uniform is to be worn on a daily basis unless exemption has been granted by the Principal, in line with DET policy.
- Religious or cultural requirements, including head coverings, clothing lengths or adornments such as certain jewellery, will be accommodated within the school's dress code, following discussion with the Principal and parents/carers.
- A choice of garments within the uniform range will be provided to meet the needs of students with cost to parents and availability taken into consideration. As with all other areas of financial difficulty, parents will be encouraged to make arrangements with the Principal regarding provision of uniform items for their children.
- Items of uniform purchased outside of the school supplier must be of the same colour, style and fabric.
- A special commemorative jumper will be offered to all Year 6 students for purchase along with a 'Sports Top' for grades 5 and 6.
- All items of school uniform are available for purchase online, with a 'try on' option offered by the Parents Association. Second hand uniform items are also available to parents.
- A current uniform list will be made available to parents on a regular basis.
- Parents are to be strongly encouraged to affix name tags to all items of uniform.
- For health and safety reasons, hair that is shoulder length or longer should be tied back. Extreme hair colours, e.g. green, pink or purple rinses, and/or extreme hairstyles, e.g. spikes or a mohawk, are not permitted.
- Knox Park Primary School uniform will be in line with the School's **SunSmart Policy**
- Staff will actively monitor and encourage the wearing of full school uniform.
- Students are also required to supply an Art smock to protect their school uniform.
- Free Dress Days will be approved as appropriate by the Principal.
- Any reviews or amendments to the school's dress code policy must be considered in consultation with the school community, via the school's website and fortnightly newsletter, the staff, School Council, and the Student Representative Council.

EVALUATION

This policy was last updated and ratified in 2017 and is scheduled for review every 3 years.

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