



# UNIFORM

## POLICY

### Rationale:

• A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instills 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:

- After consultation with the school community and the Student Representative 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.
- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
- It is expected that hair is kept off the face in a neat and tidy manner. At times it may be requested that hair be tied back.
- Approved earrings are plain basic solid studs, tiny gem studs or sleepers.



- Signet rings and watches are the only other acceptable jewellery.
- Students will not be able to attend excursions or leave school grounds wearing non approved jewellery and uniforms.
- Facial piercing needs to be taken out each day prior to coming to school.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- Extreme hair styles are not permitted.
- 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.
- For Safety reasons there are three types of shoes that students are allowed to wear:
- Black leather shoes – Backless shoes, high heeled shoes and dance style slippers are not permitted in the interest of safety.
- Runners/Sneakers
- Shoes with built in wheels are not permitted.

- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter 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 Handbook.
- 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 make an appointment with the school Principal.

### **The Melrose uniform consists of:**

#### **Summer**

Jade polo shirt Summer dress

Skorts Navy shorts

Navy broadbrim hat White sport socks

#### **Winter**

Jade polo shirt (short or long sleeved) Jade windcheater

Blue fleecy vest Navy track pants or Ponti pants

Jade/navy bomber jacket

White sport socks

\*Skirts, Skorts, Shorts and Dresses are to be an appropriate length\*

#### **Evaluation:**

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