

# **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 maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

## **Implementation:**

- After consultation with the school community, 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.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Extreme hair colors (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only head wear 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.
- The Uniform shop will also sell second hand uniform items for parents.
- 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, and the information booklets.
- 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 to the Principal.