

# WWPS 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:**

- 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.
- Prescribed summer and winter uniforms, which are required to be worn daily unless there is an “out of uniform fundraising day” when uniform is then optional.
- Students not attending school in the appropriate uniform (including those who bring a note of explanation) will be provided with correct uniform to wear for the day (where possible)
- Shoes should be sandals or runners or school shoes suitable for the sorts of activities a child does at school.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Families who have items of jewellery of a religious or cultural nature need to be aware that these need to be worn under school uniform where possible and that the Principal is notified in writing of the need for these items to be worn at school to be considered for exemption.
- Extreme hair colors (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted. Hair longer than shoulder length is to be tied back.
- Nail polish, (other than clear), cosmetics and tattoos may not be worn at school.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is a broad brimmed green Sunsmart hat, which is consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside from 1<sup>st</sup> September until 30<sup>th</sup> April. Hats are not to be worn inside. In terms 2 and 3 a green beanie may be worn outside. In cases of religious and cultural customs requiring other head-wear, appropriate items will be permitted after negotiation with the principal.
- Under teacher direction students are expected to wear protective clothing for activities where uniforms may be damaged (eg: visual arts and Stephanie Alexander Kitchen)
- The WWPS uniform policy is available on the website and at the office and the uniform items detailed in the enrolment handbook. Newsletter reminders about correct uniform will occur as needed.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via the principal who may contact State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.

### **Evaluation:**

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

This policy was ratified by School Council in

March 2014