

JAMES COOK PRIMARY SCHOOL **STUDENT 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 and inclusion amongst all students
- To further develop a sense of pride in, connectedness 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 we believe provides choice for the students. This allows for students to safely engage in the varied school activities and caters for the financial constraints of families. The Dress Code applies during school hours and when students are on school excursions.

The uniform requirements expected include:

- Enclose school shoes or runners. Canvas-upper style and slip-on shoes are not permitted.
- Studded sports shoes may only be worn during scheduled match play.
- Acceptable headwear are Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. Hats must be worn outside in Terms One and Four. Hats are not to be worn inside. A white or navy blue hijab, if it is worn for religious purposes.
- Legwear must be navy blue.
- Navy blue beanies, scarfs and jackets, if required in the cooler months.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears and watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Extreme hair colours (eg. green, pink or purple) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg. spikes or mohawks) are not permitted.
- All hair accessories must be discreet and it is strongly advised that long hair must be tied back.
- Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Clear nail polish only may be worn.

The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and location 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 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 for consideration.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.

Evaluation:

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