

SCHOOL 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

1. There is an expectation that where the uniform is worn in public, that the correct uniform is worn in full to appropriately represent our school.
2. The Dress Code applies during school hours, whilst travelling to and from school, and whenever students wear uniform in public.
3. It is a condition of school excursions that all children are in correct school uniform.
4. Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports and music uniforms must be worn as prescribed. (Refer to School Dress Code Table)
5. Approved Birrale school hats must be worn outside in terms 1 and 4 (refer to Sunsmart Policy).
6. There is a school and community expectation that children will demonstrate pride in their appearance by arriving at school clean, well groomed (hair combed/brushed and uniform neatly worn) and in correct school uniform.
7. Discipline in good grooming will be reinforced at school, but needs to be instilled at home.
8. Exemptions for religious, cultural or medical reasons must be sought from the Principal.

Evaluation

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