

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 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.
- To ensure that students can safely access outdoor activities.

Implementation:

- The dress code was developed after extensive consultation with the School Board, and they believe it 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. Sports/Faction shirts will be worn only on specified sports days.
- No denim is to be worn to school.
- School skirts, dresses and shorts are to be of a moderate length.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery unless it is a Cultural or Religious item.
- Extreme hair colours (e.g. green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (e.g. Mohawks) are not permitted. Hair longer than collar length **MUST** be tied back.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only acceptable hat is a navy bucket hat consistent with our SunSmart policy. They must be worn outside. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Acceptable headwear (such as headbands and bows) may be worn as long as they are consistent with the school colours and are not oversized.
- Only suitable flat heeled footwear is permitted to be worn, this is to include: joggers, school shoes and Clarks traditional type sandals. Footwear that is **NOT** acceptable includes but is not limited to; crocs, thongs, strappy sandals, skate shoes, gumboots and pumps.
- The School may sell good quality second hand uniforms, when available at discounted prices.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items will be published in the school information brochure at the start of each year.
- The School Board requires the Principal to 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 Board.

Evaluation:

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

This Policy was ratified by Two Rocks Independent Public Primary School Board Inc July 2015