



Cranbourne East Primary School ***STUDENT DRESS CODE 2014***

RATIONALE

The School Council has implemented the compulsory wearing of school uniform in accordance with a Ministerial Order under the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*. School Uniform is worn to promote the development of school identity, provide easy identification of students and to maximise equality in clothing standards.

GOALS

- Promote students' sense of identity with and pride in the school.
- Enhance individual student safety and group security.
- Promote cohesion and good order in the school.
- Ensure that students' appearance reflects the expectations of their community.
- Prevent bullying and reduce competition between students on the basis of clothing.
- Strengthen the spirit of community within the school.
- Enhance the profile, image and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.
- Ensure students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- Encourage students to present themselves appropriately for a particular role and develop pride in their appearance.
- Allow all students to feel equal.
- To provide clear direction regarding the wearing of jewellery to school.

PROGRAM OUTLINE

All staff with the support from parents will contribute to the implementation of the Student Dress Code.

- The wearing of the school uniform is compulsory, however it provides choice for students and allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Student Dress Code applies during school hours, while traveling to and from school and when students are on school excursions.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

- School uniform is available from Primary School Wear Pty Ltd (PSW) the school supplier.
- Only school uniform supplied by the official school supplier is to be worn at school. The exception is a coat during inclement weather. The PSW uniform price list details the approved school uniform. There are to be no variations to school uniform.
- Footwear is to be safe, sensible and appropriate black leather school shoes or runners. Sandals and thongs are not to be worn.
- School Council is responsible for addressing any issues relating to the specified uniform.
- The wearing of an approved Sunsmart school hat in the school grounds during recess and lunchtime and for all outdoor activities is compulsory during terms 1 and 4.
- The wearing of school uniform is a precondition of every child participating on an excursion or sporting event. (Unless parents are notified of other arrangements).

- Some forms of jewellery pose negative health, safety and school image issues. These types of jewellery are not to be worn at school or will have limitations placed upon the wearing of the items.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Parents are responsible for ensuring that the correct uniform is worn.
- School staff will monitor the wearing of jewellery and the correct uniform.
- The wearing of school uniform forms part of the School's Student Engagement Policy and where the Student Engagement Policy is contravened, consequences as per the Student Engagement Policy may be implemented. Where children are noted as being continually out of school uniform a School Uniform Notice will be issued and the parent contacted.
- Contingency procedures are available to assist families experiencing difficulty meeting policy requirements due to financial concerns.

The following restrictions to the wearing of jewellery exist whilst at school or whilst involved in school related activities:

- One ear stud or sleeper earring in each ear may be worn.
- Earrings that 'dangle' or hang from the ear pose an occupational health and safety issue and are not to be worn at any time.
- Rings, studs or piercing on any part of the visible body (except the ear) are not to be worn at any time.
- Religious necklaces may be worn, however due to occupational health and safety issues should only be worn inside clothing.
- Due to occupational health and safety issues rings, necklaces (other than religious necklaces), bracelets or bands of any description must not be worn.
- Temporary tattoos/transfers are to remain covered at all times.
- Clear nail polish may be worn.

In cases of students infringing the jewellery component of the Student Dress & Appearance Policy, parents will be contacted with an explanation why the jewellery was unacceptable and requesting cooperation to ensure the item is not worn to school.

- Hair is to be of the natural colour. Extreme hair colour or rinses are not permitted.
- Extreme hairstyles eg spiked or Mohawks are not permitted. For health reasons hair is to be tied back.
- Cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The School Council may permit exemption to the Student Dress Code.

EVALUATION

The Student Dress Code will be reviewed as part of the school policy review cycle and will involve feedback from staff, parents and students.

Ratified 11th December 2013