

ASPENDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dress Code – students Policy

RATIONALE

It is policy of Aspendale Primary that all students will wear the prescribed school uniform correctly at all times. A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equity, health and safety and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment to the Dress Code. Upon enrolment, parents/carers and students are committing to support the school uniform policy in its entirety.

AIMS

- To promote equality amongst all students
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with the school
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To enable all students to participate actively and safely in school life.

The school uniform supplier is Reliable Uniforms Now.

IMPLEMENTATION

- The school uniform will apply to all students. Any grounds for exemption (see below) are to be discussed with and approved by the principal.
- The uniform requirements will be explained clearly to parents/carers and students prior to enrolment and reminders published periodically via the school newsletter.
- The uniform should be worn during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are engaged in school activities out of school hours, except when otherwise advised.
- The complete uniform list will be communicated to parents/carers through the website and included in the information pack for new families. It will also be available on request from the office.
- Students will be expected to have all uniform items clearly named.
- It is recommended that students wear pants/shorts when engaged in sport/P.E./P.M.P activities.
- For the safety of all students, jewelry is limited to a watch and one pair of stud earrings or sleepers for students with pierced ears. Covered toe footwear will be required for all activities undertaken at school and broad brimmed hats are required to be worn for all outside activities from 1 September to 30th April, as per the 'Sun Smart' guidelines.
- All new items will have a specified phase-in period.

- School council will make provision for the purchase of second hand uniform items via the uniform shop.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing hardship.

Basis of discretion

Students are required to meet the standards of the dress code unless grounds for exemption are agreed to.

Grounds for exemption

- offends religious beliefs
- prevents compliance with requirements of a student's ethnic/cultural background
- prevents a student with disabilities from participating in school activities
- affects a student's health condition

Non- compliance with the dress code

- Parents/carers are expected to inform a student's class teacher in writing if circumstances preventing compliance with the student dress code.
- Ongoing incidences of non-compliance with the dress code will be noted and parents/carers will be contacted for discussion if no explanation or exemption has been provided.

Uniform changes

- Recommendations to School Council should be supported with details of the reason for the proposed change and details of the consultation process undertaken.
- In the case of the non-availability of a particular item of school uniform (i.e. an existing item is no longer available from suppliers) if it is critical to make a decision prior to the next school council meeting, a temporary substitute item can be procured upon the unanimous decision of subcommittee members. Note: a recommendation should then be made to the next meeting of school council in the response to the non-availability situation.
- Changes to the school uniform, as approved by School Council, will be advised to parents/carers and students via appropriate means including the school newsletter.

Evaluation	To be reviewed by the Education Subcommittee
Approval/Consultation	School Council/not necessary
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Related Policies	
Related Documents	

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