



# Mentone Primary School Uniform Policy

THIS POLICY WAS RATIFIED IN:

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## **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.

## **Implementation:**

- After consultation with the school community, School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe 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.
- The acceptable school colours are yellow / gold and royal blue (white and navy blue are accepted only as part of the girls winter and summer dresses). Variations on these colours are not acceptable (i.e. black and dark blue).
- Socks must be school colours or white. The approved Mentone Primary socks are also acceptable.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches and minimal jewellery are acceptable.
- Extreme hair colours (e.g. green, pink or purple rinses) and / or extreme hairstyles (eg: mohawks) are not permitted.
- Other than pale coloured nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats (broad-brimmed & legionnaires) consistent with our school's Sunsmart policy (caps are not acceptable). They must be worn outside in terms 1 & 4. Hats are not to be worn inside. Girls head bands are acceptable.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year, and also published on the schools web site.
- 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.

## **Evaluation:**

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