RATIONALE:
SCHOOL UNIFORM WAS MADE COMPULSORY IN 1996 as a result of community input and School Council decision. Issues of equality, health and safety are factors that contributed to the establishment of the Dress Code. 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. After further consultation with parents, students and staff, School Council endorsed the following policy for the enforcement of Dress Code:

AIMS:
• To promote equality amongst all students.
• To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
• To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

IMPLEMENTATION OF DRESS CODE:
• After consultation with the school community and the Student Representative Council, School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students and allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities.
• All prospective students and parents should be notified of the Dress Code requirements prior to enrolment.
• With the exception of shoes and coats, only items of school uniform are to be worn.
• The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
• Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.
• Cosmetics may not be worn at school.
• A Sunsmart school uniform hat, consistent with our Sunsmart policy, is the only acceptable headwear. Sunsmart school uniform hats must be worn outside in Terms 1 and 4.
• A note from parents is acceptable, in an emergency, for non-wearing of uniform. It is expected that in this situation, students would wear school colours and that clothing will not have inappropriate screen printing.
• All students representing the school in the community will be expected to wear school uniform on all such occasions, e.g. excursions, sports meetings, choir.
• Prior to children accepting leadership roles, e.g. House Captain, SCR membership, office monitors, etc., there must be a commitment to exemplary behaviour and dress, i.e. school uniform consistently worn.
• Uniform Sub Committee will have the responsibility of reporting to School Council with regard to appropriate Dress Code/reviews.

APPROPRIATE SANCTIONS:
(1) Speak to student and provide articles of uniform to change into. A note to be sent home, e.g. “…was not wearing school uniform. It would be appreciated if you could ensure that school uniform is worn consistently. If this presents a difficulty, please make an appointment.”
(2) If, after several contacts with parents, students fail to support the uniform policy, a detention may be given, e.g.
   (a) 15 minutes detention
   (b) 30 minutes detention, if still not wearing uniform.

EVALUATION:
This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three year review cycle.

Reference: Exec Memo 95/022 – Student Dress Codes

Staff responsible for policy review/development: Jan McDorman
THIS POLICY HAS BEEN RATIFIED BY SCHOOL COUNCIL.