



BALLAM PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
UNIFORM POLICY

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 (raincoats or jackets), 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.
- Small stud earrings and sleepers (suitable for activity play) worn in the ears, plus watches, are the only acceptable jewellery. Any jewellery with cultural significance must be worn beneath clothing and a letter requesting permission to wear the jewellery needs to be sent to the Office by parents. Body piercing is not allowed.
- Cosmetics may not be worn at school and hair dye of extreme colour is not allowed.
- A Sunsmart school uniform hat, consistent with our Sunsmart policy, is the only acceptable headwear. Sunsmart school uniform hats must be worn outside from the first day of school until May 1st and from September 1st until the last day of the school year.
- 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 (this includes winter scarves and broad brimmed hats and beanies). No clothing with inappropriate screen printing will be worn.
- 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.
- Students will be encouraged to wear uniform correctly, i.e. no track pants under dresses. Only dark blue tights / full length leggings are permitted with dresses or tunics. Gold skivvies can be worn under tunics.
- Prior to children accepting leadership roles, e.g. House Captain, SRC membership, Coastal Ambassadors, 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.
- By January 31st 2017, all students will be wearing the new blue polo top.

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) Phone call to parents/guardians, offer support with uniform items.
- (3) If, after several contacts with parents, students fail to support the uniform policy, withdrawal from the playground may occur, e.g. 15-30 minutes.

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: Maree Renowden

Reviewed and ratified by School Council – 17th November 2014