

UNIFORM

YARRAMAN OAKS PRIMARY SCHOOL POLICY

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 belonging and pride in our school.
- To develop identification of 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.
- To promote safety.

Implementation:

- 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, 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.
- The school uniform for the legs must be black tracksuit pants, dress pants, yoga pants, leggings, shorts, skirts or skorts. Jeans and netball skirts are not acceptable.
- The only dresses allowed to be worn are the red and white check uniform.
- The school uniform for the upper half of the body is a red t-shirt, jumper/windcheater or bomber jacket. Long sleeve black tops underneath a red t-shirt are acceptable.
- The only logo allowed on any uniform item is the school logo.
- Scarves, coats, raincoats, jackets and cardigans must be either red or black.
- Stud earrings, sleepers worn in the ears and watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Make up is not to be worn.
- Nail polish must be clear or natural
- **All students** with hair longer than shoulder length must have their hair tied back with red or black hair ties.
- Students are expected to have sensible hair styles appropriate for young children and hair must be natural in colour only. Inappropriate hair styles such as mohawks or shaved logos/words/patterns are not permitted.
- The only hat that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside in terms 1 & 4. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Other headwear can be acceptable such as beanies and scarves in winter – these should be logo free and red or black.
- Head coverings for religious purposes must also be in red or black.
- Shoes should be enclosed, fastened school shoes or sports shoes appropriate for school activities.
- The children should be encouraged to wear clean uniform and have pride in their appearance.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and place of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year and given to new enrolments.

- 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 principal who will provide temporary approval or disapproval until the next School Council meeting can make final approval.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms for families experiencing economic hardship.
- This policy is to be read in conjunction with the Sun smart policy.

Evaluation:

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

This policy was last ratified by School Council in...	June 2017	
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