



# UNIFORM

## POLICY

### **Rationale:**

- A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instills recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, makes a statement about commitment to the College and its purposes and assists in nurturing College spirit. Issues of equity, safety, economy, health and safety are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

### **Aims:**

- To promote equality amongst all students and to avoid fashion-based competitiveness.
- To support students in their attention to the core business of learning.
- To further develop a sense of pride in and identification with the College.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.

### **Implementation:**

- After consultation with the school community the College Board has developed a Dress Code that provides choices for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities and takes account of families' many financial commitments.
- The College Board and the Principal are strongly committed to the implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with student conduct procedures. Class teachers undertake a leading role in ensuring students are in uniform.
- Class teachers require from parents a note of explanation for any occasion on which a student is out of uniform.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter each year.
- The key items of uniform are available for purchase only from the College Uniform Shop.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while traveling to and from school, and when students are engaged in College activities off-site.
- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms, are prescribed and are required to be worn.
- Our Hats are part of our Sunsmart policy and are uniform items required when outside in Terms 1&3. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- One set of stud earrings or sleepers worn in the ears, a single ring and watch are the only acceptable jewellery. Some jewellery items may need to be removed for specific sports activities.
- Extreme hair colours and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted. In the interests of health and safety, hair longer than collar length is to be tied back in an approved fashion.
- Cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- Students/families are issued with one reminder note per term, in relation to the uniform item/s, before an Infringement Note is posted. On the occasion of any subsequent non-compliance, parents will be contacted and required to rectify the matter without delay.
- Student teams will monitor, encourage and reward class groups for full observance of uniform policy.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship are requested to apply in writing to the Principal.

### **Evaluation:**

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

This policy was last ratified by the College Board 19<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

Chairman: Mr Howard Nichol

Principal: Mrs Tricia Phillips