

# UNIFORM

## POLICY

### Rationale:

- 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. Students attending Mt Beauty Primary School are to wear the designated school uniform and adhere to the school's dress code unless an exemption has been granted by the school principal.

### 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:

- The school uniform applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- An exemption from wearing the school uniform will be granted in cases of genuine conscientious objection, i.e. bona fide religious or cultural grounds. In such cases, the parent or caregiver is to apply in writing to the principal for an exemption, stating the reason for the genuine conscientious objection.
- Summer and winter uniforms are required to be worn.
- Any student who represents the school on an excursion or as part of a sporting, social or cultural event must wear the complete school uniform as specified. This also applies to students engaging in school activities out of school hours. Students participating in official school photographs must also wear the complete school uniform as specified.
- Make-up should not be worn to school, nail polish or extreme hairstyles are discouraged.
- The only jewellery items permitted are a wristwatch and stud earrings or sleepers worn in the ears, necklaces are discouraged for safety reasons.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside from the beginning of September to the end of April. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- The school will operate a good quality second hand uniform store for parents.
- All uniform items should be carefully labelled with the student's name in a permanent way so that lost items can be identified.
- School shoes, runners or sandals with back straps may be worn. Shoes are to be well fitted so normal play can occur. **NO** thongs, slippers, crocs are to be worn.
- The school will maintain a bank of uniform items for donation to students who present without the full uniform and do not have an exemption, as well as for those students whose families are unable to provide the school uniform due to financial disadvantage and/or transience.

Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.

- The student uniform will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- Year 6 students may choose a coloured polo shirt with a printed design. (To be ordered at the start of the year by the year 6 teacher).
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the school uniform in a manner consistent with the School Engagement Policy

**Non-compliance with the School Uniform:**

- If a student is unable to wear a school uniform on a particular day, they must have a written note from their parent/guardian.
- A student not complying with the school uniform will be issued with a note informing their parent of the breach of code expectations and seeking the parent's support in rectifying the matter. The student's name will be recorded for future reference.
- Persistent and/or wilful breach of the school uniform, without appropriate exemption or a parental note, may result in restrictions being applied to the student's activities such as restricted play (eg no hat, play in the undercover area).
- A student's non-compliance with the school's uniform requirements will not be grounds for suspension, exclusion or cancellation of enrolment.

**Changes and complaints:**

- Any changes to the uniform will be kept to a minimum. The cost factor and the advantages of being able to pass uniform onto younger members of a family will be considered a priority. For any other changes or complaints regarding school uniform items, the concerns should be put in writing and addressed to the school council. If the school council deems that a change is worth considering in the interests of the whole school community then parent opinion will be sought. Otherwise complaints will be dealt with on an individual basis in consultation with the principal.

**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....	March 2016
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## UNIFORM POLICY REMINDER NOTE

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_ TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parents,

It is school policy that students are correctly attired in correct school uniform at all times. On a number of occasions recently, your child has not been wearing the correct school uniform.

DETAILS:

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We ask that you ensure your child is properly dressed in their school uniform as outlined in our Uniform Policy (copy attached).

Thankyou for your co-operation.