

Uniform

2019

RATIONALE:

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a sense of pride in their own appearance. Wearing a school uniform instils recognition that each student is an integral part of the school community, and encourages pride in representing our school. Equality, expense and practicality are additional factors that contribute to the need for a whole school uniform.

After consultation with the school community, Education Sub-Committee and school leadership, Miners Rest Primary School has developed the following uniform policy.

AIMS:

- Enhances and maintains a positive image of our school throughout the local community
- Promotes equality amongst all students
- Allows all students to identify with our school community and feel a sense of pride in representing Miners Rest Primary School
- Provides durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment
- Promotes consistency in the appearance of our students with a uniform that is easily recognisable during whole school and interschool excursions and events

IMPLEMENTATION:

- The uniform policy applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and during school excursions and interschool sporting events
- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sporting options where necessary, will be prescribed and are expected to be worn - refer to uniform list
- Year 6 students will be permitted to purchase and wear a graduation jumper/jacket throughout their final year
- In accordance with both our uniform policy as well as SunSmart guidelines, approved hats as provided by the uniform shop must be worn during all outdoor activity from September through to April, as recommended by SunSmart guidelines: www.sunsmart.com.au/communities/early-childhood-primaryschools
- Footwear should be limited to either lace up runners or black school shoes - open-toe footwear is not permitted
- Plain socks in black or white are preferred
- It is preferred that any additional weather accessories (for example, rain jackets, umbrellas, beanies, scarves) are navy or light blue in accordance with school uniform colours
- Students are permitted to wear navy tights in accordance with school uniform colours. Leggings of any colour are not encouraged.
- Sporting jackets, windcheaters or hooded jumpers from netball, basketball or football clubs in our school community are not a part of our Miners Rest Primary School uniform and should not be worn during school hours



- Acceptable jewellery items are limited to watches, plus stud or sleeper earrings (which should be removed during contact sports)
- Students are encouraged to keep longer hair tied back – hair accessories in uniform colours are preferred

Extreme hairstyles and brightly coloured hair are not encouraged, with the exception of sporting days and special events only

- Cosmetics are not to be worn at school
- The uniform policy will be published in the school newsletter at the beginning of each year.
- School council requires the principal to be responsible for the implementation of the uniform policy

Families experiencing financial difficulty may seek assistance by speaking to the principal.

- Parents seeking exemptions to the uniform policy due to religious beliefs, cultural background, student disability or health conditions should do so in consultation with the principal.

SCHOOL UNIFORM OPTIONS

The following options for school uniform items are available for both boys and girls.

- Navy blue shorts and/or track pants
- Navy blue windcheater / rugby top with school logo ^{[[SEP]]}
- Blue and white check dress ^{[[SEP]]}
- Light blue t-shirt or polo top with logo ^{[[SEP]]}
- Navy broad brimmed hat, (during Terms 1 and 4). For safety reasons hats ^{[[SEP]]} with drawstring cords are not recommended, as these could pose a choking hazard. ^{[[SEP]]}
- Appropriate footwear, e.g. runners, sneakers, leather shoes, boots etc. (Open toed sandals or thongs are not permitted for safety reasons).
- Jewelry which poses a hazard, e.g. long chains are not recommended. If there are concerns for safety, students may be asked to remove them.

Uniforms are available from Beleza School Uniforms and Boltons.

EXEMPTIONS FROM THE DRESS CODE

Parents who object to any aspect of the dress code, or are seeking exemption from the dress code for their child, need to do so by applying in writing to the Principal clearly stating the reasons for exemption. The Principal will reach a decision based on the information provided. Parents who object to the decision of the Principal have a right of appeal to DET.

STUDENTS OUT OF UNIFORM

Students who are out of uniform for any reason, need to bring a note to school explaining the reason. Parents of children who are consistently out of uniform will be contacted by the Principal.



EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed within three years as part of the School Policy Review Program.

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

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