



Portland South Primary School

UNIFORM Policy

PURPOSE:

- 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.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- After consultation with the school community, the 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.
- Uniforms suitable for Summer and Winter, will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only recommended jewellery. Other jewellery should be kept to a minimum.
- Extreme hair colours and hairstyles are not encouraged.
- Other than nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- Thongs and open-toed shoes are considered unsafe and therefore unacceptable. Growing feet need to be well supported therefore we recommend well-fitting, comfortable shoes.
- During terms 1 and 4 the only head wear that is acceptable and compulsory are Sunsmart hats consistent with our SunSmart policy. Baseball style caps must not be worn. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- New uniforms will be available from Squidlydids at all times.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter regularly throughout the year.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability or a health condition are acceptable principal.
- Families experiencing economic hardship will be supported by the school.

Evaluation:

This policy is scheduled for review in 2025.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in May 2021