

COLDSTREAM PS UNIFORM POLICY

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Rationale:

- A uniform dress code reinforces in students 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 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.
- To be readily identifiable on excursions and sporting activities.

Implementation:

- School Council supports a policy of compulsory uniform. It is the expectation of the School Council that all students wear school uniform in the school colours of navy, pale blue and white, including the wearing of wide brimmed school hats as outlined in the Handbook and Sunsmart Policy
- Following consultation with the Junior School Council and the school community in 2008, School Council developed a Dress Code that 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. A range of uniform options are made available.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions, unless specified.
- The Principal is responsible for the implementation of the Dress Code. Sanctions may apply for breaches of the Dress Code.
- Students are required to bring a note of explanation should they be out of uniform for any reason.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the Information Handbook and school newsletter at the start of each year. A price list will be available at the office. The cost of the uniform will be kept as low as possible.
- Summer and winter uniforms are available and should be worn to match climatic conditions.
- School socks, hair ties and head bands should be in worn in school colours of navy, pale blue or white only.
- Scarves are not to be worn as a matter of safety.
- Watches, stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears are the only acceptable jewellery. In the interest of safety, students wearing any items other than those listed will be asked to remove them. .
- Unnatural hair colours, (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) are permissible only for special events such as sports days or dress up days. Extreme hairstyles, (eg: spikes or Mohawks) are strongly discouraged.
- To minimise the spread of head lice, students with long hair are required to have their hair tied back as a preventative measure. (Refer Head Lice Policy)

References:

- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school. If there is a medical reason that some make up eg. concealer needs to be worn, a letter of explanation, signed by a parent must be presented to the class teacher.
- The only headwear that is acceptable shall be the school wide brimmed Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside from September 1 to April 30. Navy blue beanies may be worn in winter to and from school. Hats are not to be worn inside, except for extenuating circumstances or medical reasons.
- Students are required to wear supportive, well fitting shoes or runners at all times. Under no circumstances, including days of free dress, are open toe sandals or thongs to be worn. Slip on shoes are not considered as suitable shoes for school. Shoes with rollers on the sole are considered to be unsafe at school. Students' shoes should be suitable for the activities undertaken on the day, eg. runners are recommended on days of Physical Education or Sport.
- The Uniform shop will also operate a second hand uniform section.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing severe economic hardship.
- 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 Council, through the Principal.

Evaluation:

- Periodic reporting to School Council on effectiveness of program.
- Periodic suggestions for modifications to the uniform are to be reviewed through Staff, School Council, Students and the School Community.
- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle.

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

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References: