

Spring Gully Primary School

Uniform

POLICY

Rationale:

- A uniform policy 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 Uniform Policy.

Aims:

- To further develop a sense of pride in and identification with our school.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
- To clearly identify students as members of our school community, within beyond the school grounds.
- To ensure students can be clearly identified when participating in excursions, camps or sports days
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective, safe and practical for our school environment.
- To support our SunSmart policy in the interest of student health.
- To encourage equity among students by minimising peer/trend pressure.

Implementation:

- After consultation with the school community and the Student Representative Council, School Council has developed a Uniform Policy that provides options for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities and is affordable.
- This policy will be placed in the Information Pack. On enrolling students at the school, parents are expected to abide by this policy.
- Parents of students who for religious, cultural or health reasons may need to modify the school dress code are required to make an appointment with the Principal. Staff members will be informed of any student granted a modification to the dress code.
- The school colours are bottle green, gold and black. The wearing of school colours is compulsory and is a collective responsibility (parents, students and staff).
- The official school polo and jumper is compulsory and can be purchased from the school uniform supplier - Noone. Other items such as shorts, pants, hats, 'skorts' or dresses may be purchased from Noone or other outlets provided they meet the school dress code in colour, safety and are logo-free.
- School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for the implementation of the Uniform Policy in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Parents of students who repeatedly do not comply with the Uniform Policy will be contacted in an appropriate manner, being mindful of each individual's personal circumstances, i.e. phone call, email or in person.
- The Uniform Policy applies during school hours and when students are on school excursions, school camps or sport days.
- Certain internal sporting events require students to compete in the Houses. During these events, students will be encouraged to wear their House colour – white, black, red, yellow, green and blue.
- Families are strongly encouraged to clearly and permanently label all school clothing.
- A set of uniforms for special groups such as sports teams, school choir and peer mediation may be supplied by the school as required.
- SunSmart broad-brimmed hats or bucket hats must be worn outside from **September to the end of April** or **whenever UV levels reach three or more**, consistent with our SunSmart Policy. In Terms 2 and 3, beanies or SunSmart hats may be worn. Hats and beanies are not to be worn inside.
- Good quality second hand uniforms are available at the school, subject to availability.
- New students will be given appropriate time to fully adopt the school dress code in consultation with the Principal.
- Difficulties meeting the dress code due to financial hardship should be discussed with the Principal.

- The uniform includes a range of articles to enable parents to best meet student preferences whilst complying with the Uniform Policy. The range is limited to:

- Official short sleeved SGPS polo shirts (available from Noone only)
- Official SGPS polar fleece jumper – half or full zip (available from Noone only)
- Official SGPS jacket (available from Noone only)
- Black shorts or skorts
- Black track pants or leggings
- Green and white checked dresses
- Black broad-brimmed or bucket hats.
- Socks – white or black only
- Black beanies, scarves and gloves

- Grade 6 students will be provided with the opportunity to purchase a grade polo shirt and this can be worn as part of the school uniform.
- Tights and leggings worn under shorts or dresses must be black.
- Footwear should be chosen so that a child is appropriately and safely prepared to engage in a range of school activities. Sneakers/runners are recommended. Slip on shoes and volleys are not appropriate. Sandals with enclosed toes and heels are acceptable on hot days.
- Undergarments – plain black or green and no visible logos, etc
- Jackets can be worn for travel to and from school. Jackets other than the school embroidered jacket, are not to be worn during school hours.
- Stud earrings or sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Cosmetics should not be worn at school.
- Hair that is shoulder length or longer should be tied back for safety reasons and to reduce the risk of infestation with head lice. Hair ties, clips and headbands must be green, black or gold.
- Casual Dress Days: On these days the school's SunSmart Policy and footwear code still apply. Children are to wear clothing which covers their shoulders. No singlet tops are permitted.
- School beanies or plain black only should be worn.

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....

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