

# RESERVOIR VIEWS PRIMARY SCHOOL

## UNIFORM POLICY

### Rationale:

- 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.

### Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide access to 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:

- After consultation with the school community and the Reservoir Views School Council, 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.
- Summer and winter uniforms will be prescribed, and are expected to be worn. The school understands that there may be occasions when a student attends school out of school uniform. In these instances a note must be provided to explain the absence of uniform.
- Footwear is to be suitable for play and all school based activities e.g. no thongs / heels etc.
- Only stud earrings or sleepers should be worn in the ears as a safety concern.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart Policy. They must be worn outside in terms 1 and 4. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- The student Dress Code will be published in the parent handbook. This is available on the school website and through the office.
- All prospective parents/guardians and students will be notified of the dress code requirements prior to enrolment at the school.
- Most uniform items can be purchased directly through the school or through major department stores.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing 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.

### Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle.