

UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE POLICY



PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that students and their parents understand and meet the school's expectation that all students will wear school uniform, and to assist parents in the provision of school clothing for students that is economical, serviceable and appropriate. The School Uniform Policy exists so that Seaholme Primary School can ensure students are able to present themselves neatly and uniformly with pride by having access to good quality and price competitive clothing.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all students and their families at Seaholme Primary School.

POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

Seaholme Primary School believe that a dress code, including school uniform and acceptable wearing of other items, facilitates a sense of pride, belonging and safety.

Seaholme Primary School believe that a school uniform:

- Provides practical and affordable clothing for students, reflecting equal opportunity and social justice;
- Facilitates identification of the school group which assists promotion of our school and enhances our presentation in the community;
- Fosters a sense of belonging and pride in our student group and their school leading to development of a positive school culture.

Responsibility for the purchasing and selling of uniforms will rest with the uniform co-ordinator and/or Business Manager who will report to the Sub Committee of School Council.

- School Council, through the sub-committee will evaluate regular formal and informal feedback from all members of the school community;
- The uniform shop coordinator will report to Council via a monthly update to the management sub-committee with regard to changes;
- Observations will be noted regarding regular and appropriate wearing of uniform by all students.

Guidelines

The following school guidelines apply:

1. Students are expected to wear our school uniform in school colours, as specified;
2. The uniform should be comfortable and facilitate free movement;
3. Details of the official supplier for school uniform and school bag can be obtained from the front office, the school website or school newsletter;
4. Second-hand uniforms are available from the school, please see office staff. Parents may donate uniform items in good condition for re-sale;
5. Parents may purchase clothing items that are not required to have the school logo from elsewhere (such as shorts and tracksuit pants), so long as the alternative item is identical to the school provided garments;
6. Parents of new students to our school are made aware of our uniform policy;
7. All clothing should be labelled with the student's name to facilitate prompt return of lost items. Any unlabelled items of clothing will be put in the lost property box. Unclaimed items will be removed at the end of each term;
8. The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions and outside sporting events;

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9. Summer and winter uniform items will be prescribed, but children can wear any combinations of uniform items that they choose. Items such as netball skirts and short dresses are deemed inappropriate;
10. Students should not wear make-up. The only jewellery permitted is a watch and/or plain pierced ear-keepers, (sleepers and studs). Other visible body piercing is unacceptable. Necklaces or lanyards are only permitted if worn inside clothing;
11. All students are encouraged to wear appropriate footwear. Footwear that exposes toes, or with open heels are unacceptable at any time.
12. The only hats that are acceptable are Seaholme Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy.
13. A note of explanation should be given to the class teacher if a student is out of school uniform. If a student needs to be out of uniform, he/she should be dressed in clothing which is as similar as possible to the Seaholme Primary School Uniform;
14. For continual non-wearing of uniform, contact will be made via a note or personally by the class teacher to parents/guardians concerned. A signed note is to be returned to the Principal, acknowledging this fact;
15. Any parent experiencing difficulty meeting the school's uniform requirements should discuss this with the Principal;
16. Parents seeking exemptions to the Uniform Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship, must apply in writing to the Principal;
17. There should be no additional ornamentation on items of school uniform (i.e., ribbons, lace, large commercial logos, etc.) Charity badges sold at school may be worn;
18. All shoulder length hair should be tied up. Potentially dangerous hair ornaments must not be worn to school;
19. A special top will be reserved for use by Year 6 students;
20. Non-uniform days may be organised with the permission of the Principal;
21. If the School Council makes a change to the dress code, students can continue to wear old uniform items for up to two years after the change. (Date of changeover needs to be publicised.).

Camps and Casual Dress Days

1. On camps, excursions or non-uniform days, students will observe SunSmart policy requirements for wearing appropriate SunSmart head wear and clothing outside during SunSmart periods;
2. T-shirts and other clothing featuring offensive language or graphics will not be worn at school or on camps;
3. Singlets and tank tops are not to be worn at any time;
4. For safety reasons, thongs, open toed shoes, slip on shoes or heeled shoes are not to be worn on camps or excursions.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Related School Policies

- SunSmart Policy

Related DET Resources

- [Developing and Reviewing Dress Codes](#)
- [Dress Code Exemptions](#)
- [Dress Code Legislation](#)
- [Implementing and Enforcing Dress Codes](#)
- [Health and Safety Considerations](#)
- [Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Requirements](#)
- [State Schools' Relief](#)
- [Uniform Supply Arrangements](#)

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EVALUATION AND REVIEW

The uniform code has been formulated through the school decision-making process i.e. informal/formal discussions with staff, School Council Sub-Committee and School Council. Any change to this policy will go through the same process, and the policy updated as needed.