

## **STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY**

This policy was prepared at the School Council meeting on 15 May 2008. It was ratified by Staff and Council on 19<sup>TH</sup> June 2008.

### **BASIC BELIEFS/PURPOSES**

To foster pride and school spirit at Kingsbury Primary School, all students are required to follow the Student Dress Code as designated by the School Council. This will include the appropriate uniform for summer and winter, and sports uniform where applicable.

### **STUDENT DRESS CODE**

1. **The School Council** is responsible for the development and implementation of the Student Dress Code policy, in accordance with DEECD Guidelines and in conjunction with the Student Code of Conduct.
2. The code applies to students of the school while they are at school, travelling to and from school and/or attending school activities. All clothing must comply with school colours  
**The Student Dress Code** complies with issues of safety and appropriate attire for students in all aspects of school life. A sensible, hygienic and comfortable approach to dress and appearance is necessary therefore:
  - make-up is not allowed
  - appropriate foot-wear should be worn at all times – e.g. runners, school shoes.
  - thongs are not permitted
  - long earrings or long dangling necklaces are not allowed
  - long hair is to be tied back
  - singlets or crop tops are not permitted
3. **Staff Dress Code** suggests that all staff members are to comply with issues of Occupational Health and Safety and Professional Standards.
4. **Weather Conditions**  
A coat and sensible footwear is advisable in wet weather.  
  
A SunSmart approach requires that a broad brimmed legionnaires hat or any other headwear recommended by the Cancer Council and sunscreen are to be worn during Terms 1 and 4 and at other times as appropriate. Students not wearing hats in term 1 or 4 will be asked to restrict their activities and play.(See SunSmart policy – “No Hat- No Play”.)
5. **Excursions**  
Adherence to student dress code on excursions is required. Adherence to the SunSmart Policy on camps is required.
6. **Art**  
An art smock or protective clothing is recommended for art/craft activities when appropriate.
7. **Physical and Sport Education**  
As a part of the Physical and Sport Education curriculum program, it is expected that students are dressed appropriately for physical activity. SunSmart behaviour is compulsory in Terms 1 and 4 and at other times as appropriate.

In order to comply with the guidelines of our Student Dress Code, School Council expects all students to wear a **school uniform**.

- **The school uniform** will reflect a sense of belonging, community identification, team spirit, pride and ownership. It will also minimise problems caused by peer pressure.
- **The school uniform** will be reasonable by contemporary standards and non-discriminatory on the basis of gender, religion, economics, race or disability.
- **The school uniform** colours of gold and blue were derived from the colours of Private Bruce Kingsbury's battalion. He was awarded the Victoria Cross during World War 2.

The Uniform is recommended to consist of:

**Girls Uniform:** Blue and white check dress, royal blue shorts, gold short- or long-sleeved polo shirt or T-shirt, windcheater/bomber jacket, sturdy sandals (with covered toes) or shoes and socks and a hat to comply with "SunSmart" Policy.

**Boys Uniform:** Royal blue shorts, gold short or long sleeved polo shirt or T-shirt, windcheater/bomber jacket, sturdy sandals (with covered toes) or shoes and socks and a hat to comply with "SunSmart" Policy

**Boys and Girls Winter Uniform:** Royal blue track pants, yellow skivvy/gold short sleeved or long sleeved polo shirt or T-shirt, royal blue Kingsbury Primary School windcheater/ bomber jacket or royal blue jumper with Kingsbury Primary School Logo, Rugby collar windcheater.

**Grade 6:** Optional windcheater with student and staff autographs worn with summer and winter uniform as outlined above. This is to be decided annually by the Junior School Council in consultation with grade 5 students and their teachers and Uniform "shop" co-ordinators.

### **Supply of Uniforms**

- New uniforms may be ordered from the Parent Group. Lay-by is offered to parents. Some second-hand uniforms will be available. Parents have the flexibility to purchase elsewhere or to make their own, providing the guidelines are complied with. Colours must be as close as possible to the school uniform. Applications for financial assistance for uniforms can be accessed by making an appointment with the Principal/Primary Welfare Officer.
- Members of Representative Sport Teams or Performance Groups will have access to appropriate outfits, eg jumpers/bibs; basketball singlets; music shirts

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The school Administration has a responsibility to inform parents of the uniform prior to enrolment thereby providing a basis of assent.

**Parents** have the responsibility to support the Student Dress Code by providing the appropriate uniform and dress requirements as identified (above STUDENT DRESS CODE). Parents must ensure all items of children's clothing are clearly named.

**Students** have the responsibility to adhere to the Student Dress Code and look after their clothing at school.

**Teachers** have the responsibility to support the Student Dress Code by positive encouragement, setting high standards of dress and through effective communication with parents, students and staff regarding dress code issues.

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

### **1. Communication to parents**

The Student Dress Code will be made available to all new parents through the “Starting School Booklet”. Parents will be reminded of the Student Dress Code in any written notices concerning uniform requirements for excursions, sport and special events when non-compliance will result in withdrawal from activities. For example: As part of Kingsbury Primary School’s Student Dress Code, school uniform is required to be worn by students attending this excursion. A coat is advisable in case of wet weather.

A note from the principal will be forwarded to parents regarding continued, inappropriate dress.

2. Parent Group will make available a number of second-hand uniform either at a low cost or free for students of families experiencing economic hardship. Another avenue is application to the State Schools Relief Fund. All requests for assistance must be made through the Principal.

### **3. Disciplinary Measures**

While our discipline approach emphasises positive recognitions rather than negative consequences, students may be withdrawn from school activities when inappropriate dress is worn. For example: Inappropriate footwear during Physical Education. In the first instance a pro-forma will be sent home indicating the problem.

### **4. Grounds for exemption**

The grounds for exemption are medical conditions, economic hardship, religious/cultural reasons and short term enrolments. For safety reasons students may still be withdrawn from activities.

### **5. Procedures for seeking and granting exemptions**

Notification to and from parents regarding reasons for non-compliance must be made through the principal. All applications for exemptions to be taken on case by case basis, however, they must be recorded and noted by School Council.

## **REVIEW**

This policy rescinds any previous policies or codicils of existing policies.

The school uniform may need to be amended from time to time.

This policy shall be reviewed in 2010.