



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.

Aim

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To facilitate student safety.
- 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.

Dress Code

The school uniform at Cardinia Primary School consists of the following items:

- Navy windcheater or bomber jacket with jade green school logo
- Navy polar fleece vest (with or without jade green school logo)
- Jade green polo shirt (short sleeved or long sleeved) with navy school logo
- Navy skivvy
- Navy tracksuit pants
- Navy shorts
- Navy legionnaire, slouch or bucket hat (with or without jade green school logo)

In addition, girls may also wear:

- Navy bootleg pants
- Navy skort or culottes
- Navy tunic
- Summer dress with jade and navy tartan (Fabric Code 8302)
- Navy tights or navy leggings

Implementation

- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions (unless otherwise indicated on the permission form).

- Grade 6 students may wear items listed in the Dress Code or any other uniform items that are designed specifically for Grade 6 students each year.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is Sun Smart hats consistent with our Sun Smart Policy. A hat must be worn outside during Terms 1 and 4.
- Suitable footwear such as runners or black lace-up or buckled shoes are to be worn. Socks are to be in keeping with school uniform colours. Open-toed sandals are not to be worn (including on free dress days) for safety reasons.
- The Dress Code, including details of uniform items and place/s of purchase, will be published at the start of each school year in the Newsletter.
- Uniform items with a logo can be purchased from Beleza, who are located at 2/56 John Street, Pakenham. Other uniform items can be purchased from Beleza or any other store (i.e. Target, BigW, Best & Less).
- School bags, as well as school hats (limited supply), can be purchased from the school Office.
- 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 Principal.
- The School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for the implementation of the School Uniform Policy in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed every three (3) years or as deemed necessary.