

Pyalong Primary School Policies

PYALONG 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.

There is an expectation that parents will provide their children with text books, individual student requisites and school uniform.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- 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.

Implementation:

- There is an expectation that parents will provide children with a uniform.
- After consultation with the school community 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.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Extreme hair colours (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or Mohawks) are not permitted.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- Only Sunsmart hats must be worn outside in terms from 1st September until the last day of April. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- 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 are given the option of providing an alternative to the clothing sold in the uniform shop; however the items of clothing provided must match the dress code.
- 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.
- Uniform orders will be carried out twice a year, notification of order dates will be made through the newsletter.
- Uniform prices will be reviewed on a regular basis so costs are kept to a minimum.

Evaluation:

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

RATIFIED BY PYALONG P.S. SCHOOL COUNCIL JUNE 2018