

# **School Uniform Policy**



**2021-2023**

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## Rationale

The School Board, after consultation with the community, has established a dress code for all students attending Swanbourne Primary School to ensure students are safely and appropriately dressed for specific school activities, and to encourage equity among students.

The wearing of a school uniform fosters a sense of community within the school and enables Swanbourne Primary School students to be quickly and easily identified on excursions and off-site events.

Acceptance of enrolment at the school assumes an agreement that the enrolling student will dress within the guidelines of the Code.

The Board supports the wearing of school uniform and believes that the school dress code is important as it can:

- Help promote a positive image of oneself and the school
- Reflect pride in both the school and individuals
- Help create a sense of identity for the students
- Address health and safety issues
- Address equity issues

## Dress Code

When students leave the school or are representing the school on excursions, school photos, graduation or any other activity designated by the Principal, the uniform to be worn is:

- Blue polo shirt with school emblem
- Navy shorts/long pants
- Navy or tartan skirt/skort
- Navy bucket hat with school emblem
- Navy jacket/windcheater with school emblem

## Additional Optional Items

On school days other than those mentioned above, the following may also be worn:

- Graduation shirts (Year 6 only)
- Choir uniforms - there may be times when students are required to wear a designated choir uniform
- House shirts - each house has their own coloured shirt and these shirts may be worn on Fridays and at all sports carnivals
- Leavers' shirts - the design and production Year 6 leavers' shirts will have all Year 6 students' names printed on the back. The ordering of these shirts will occur early in Term 1 with the Year 6 class.

## Headwear

In meeting duty of care requirements and the school's No Hat No Play policy, the School Board on behalf of the school, emphasises the need for all students to wear hats with a brim.

Students will wear the Swanbourne hat when representing the school, specifically when on excursions. Hair longer than shoulder length is expected to be tied away from the face.

## Exemptions

Parents of students, who for religious, health or other exceptional reasons seek an exemption, must do so through the Principal. Families who experience difficulty meeting the cost of the school uniform should also speak to the Principal.

## **Purchasing Uniforms**

All items are available through the online uniform shop and have been selected to ensure they are safe and comfortable to wear (in the case of clothing), easy to clean and durable. Costs are also kept to a minimum.

## **Non-compliance**

If students are unable to wear a school uniform on a particular day, they should have a written note from their parent/guardian.

Students not complying with the Dress Code will be issued with a note informing their parents of the breach of code expectations and seeking the parents' support in rectifying the matter.

Persistence and/or wilful breach of the Dress Code by a student, without appropriate exemption or parental note, may result in restrictions being applied to the student's activities such as exclusion from representing the school in the wider community.

Parents seeking an exemption for their child not to comply with the dress code must make a written request to the Principal at the beginning of each school year.

The school is keen to maintain its positive public image within the local community and to direct its time and energies for effective teaching and learning. With parental support, our resources will not be wasted following up non-compliance with the Dress Code.

We trust that you will join us in ensuring that your child is always dressed in school uniform.