



Code of Dress School Uniform Policy

RATIONALE

Kinross Primary School community actively encourages the wearing of school uniforms and strongly recommends that all items are clearly labelled and identifiable. A uniform dress code reinforces in students a sense 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 our uniform policy.

GUIDELINES:

Correct school uniform must be worn at all times by students, unless especially advised.

A note must be brought from home outlining the reason for being out of uniform and given to the class teacher. Teachers to follow up with a note to parent/caregiver and/or by informing Admin if students are repeatedly out of 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 the school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- After consultation with the staff, school community (P&C and School Council/board) the school has developed a uniform policy that 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 uniform policy applies during school hours, when students are on excursions and/or when representing the school for functions and sport.
- Summer and winter uniforms as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed and are required to be worn. It is recommended that fabrics with a sun safe factor rating are used.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is sun-safe hats consistent with our 'No Hat, No Play' policy.
- Hats must be worn outside during recess, lunch, sport and any other outside activity. Hats must not be worn inside.
- Appropriate footwear is expected to be worn at all times eg. fully enclosed shoes or sandals. (Roller shoes, and thongs are not permitted.)
- P&C Committee will operate a second hand uniform pool for parents.
- The student uniform, including details and places of purchase, will be published in the parent handbook and year level booklet at the start of each school year.
- The Principal will be responsible for the implementation of the uniform policy. Parents seeking exemptions to the uniform due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must meet with the Principal to apply for any exemptions.

Uniforms are seen as desirable for a number of reasons:

- They promote identity with the school
- They promote pride in the school
- They encourage a sense of unification and belonging
- They eliminate competition in dress issues
- They allow for ready identification of school members on excursions and thereby promote student safety

School uniforms include clothing items below. Items may be purchased through the P & C uniform shop. Clothing of similar style and colouring procured elsewhere is of course acceptable.

- Bottle green tops or white polo shirt (skivvy in winter) – logo preferred
- Bottle green shorts
- Green tartan sports skirt for girls
- Summer dresses (checked material, as available from the P & C uniform shop)
- Bottle green cycle pants (cotton preferred) Cycle pants to be worn only under skirts
- Fashion shorts, in bottle green, are an option for girls
- Tracksuit pants or tights in bottle green
- White socks (with fully enclosed shoes) Sandals are acceptable but thongs, masseurs and surf sandals are discouraged for safety reasons
- Hats are encouraged at all times when students are outside. Must be sun safe variety (caps are not permitted), green legionnaire or bucket hats are available through the uniform shop.

There are several issues related to the wearing of uniforms in special circumstances.

- For interschool sport and for faction carnivals students are encouraged to wear school or faction colours, as appropriate.
There may be different footwear requirements for various activities and appropriate directions will be given.
- For public level presentations (eg. Choir, debating) children may have the privilege of participating but will need to wear formal school uniform or choir shirt
- With school excursions, uniforms need to be worn so that easy identification can be made.

Other Matters

- Jewellery should allow for studs and sleepers only, bangles are not allowed because of safety reasons, watches and 'medic alert' bracelets are acceptable
- Make up is not permitted to be worn by students.
- Teachers will direct children to tuck shirts in during assemblies or official occasions. This is seen as a positive example of neat and tidy presentation. Similarly, teachers encourage proper grooming and clean hands
- Whilst the school will actively encourage all aspects of school uniform, it will respect cultural and religious exemptions.
- Teachers may choose to wear the school colours and logo. Teachers will be encouraged to wear school colours for interschool sporting activities.
- The school will implement strategies to acknowledge and promote individual and whole class wearing of uniforms.
- Families suffering financial difficulty in supporting the dress code may approach an Administrator or P & C president – in confidence.
- Policy on school dress may be reviewed if the need arises.
- All hair shoulder length or longer (regardless of gender) must be worn up in a plat/s or tail/s to maintain hygiene and contain the transfer of hair lice
- Hoodies are not permitted to be worn by students

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