



## DIGGERS REST PRIMAY SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE (UNIFORM) POLICY

### Rationale

A compulsory uniform promotes and reinforces students' pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as part of the school community and assists in developing pride when representing the school. A uniform dress code reduces peer pressure in relation to fashion and ensures appropriate dress for school activities. This code will apply during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are engaged in school activities out of school hours. The Diggers Rest Primary School student dress code takes precedence over student's individual preference in matters of dress. In the establishment of this Dress Code, issues such as expense, health and safety and equality have been considered.

Ministerial Order under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006:

The Act authorises the school council to develop and implement a dress code that covers any matters which a school council considers appropriate in relation to clothing and other items worn, carried or used, grooming, physical appearance and the general presentation of students.

### 1. Aims:

- 1.1 To create a sense of collective and individual pride in Diggers Rest Primary School students and their identification with our school.
- 1.2 To assist in individual student safety and group security when travelling to and from school and on school excursions and activities.
- 1.3 To promote active and safe participation in school life.
- 1.4 To promote equality amongst all students.
- 1.5 To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

### 2. Guidelines:

2.1 Out of Uniform days will be determined from time to time in an effort to raise money and to provide opportunities for individual expression. The action will be taken under the auspices of the Junior School Council.

2.2 Consequences for the failure to wear school uniform:

- The student is asked for an explanatory note from parents outlining the reason for being out of uniform. This notification is expected by way of courtesy in the first instance.
- A note will be sent home to families explaining the breach in dress code (see Appendix A).
- Subsequent breaches will be dealt with as follows upon failure of a satisfactory explanation:

*Section 16 (1) (c) – Education and Training Regulations 2007*

*The Principal of a government school may determine the consequences to be imposed on a student for not wearing school uniform in accordance with any determination of the school council on uniforms, but the principal must be satisfied that the student's failure to wear a uniform was because of student's disobedience, that the consequences must be reasonable and that the dress code policy has been brought to the attention of the students and the parents.*

2.3 Dress Code Exemptions:

Exemptions allow school councils to impose uniform standards on all students but still recognise cases in which the application of those standards affects some students unequally. Parents seeking exemptions to the dress code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability or health conditions should contact the Principal.

### 3. Implementation:

3.1 Uniform pieces must be representative of the school colours – pale blue, navy blue or purple. Items of clothing in other colours are not permitted, excepting socks which can be white.



3.2 Items of school clothing are available from the Primary School Wear (PSW) website and uniform shop, located in Sunbury. Items can also be purchased from some retail outlets provided they are representative of the school colours. Denim is prohibited.

3.3 Parents are able to sell their second hand uniforms through a Department of Education application alternatively you may donate uniforms to the school. These should be given to the Principal and will be used for emergency situations where clothing is needed or when the Principal determines that a family requires assistance to satisfactorily clothe students.

3.4 Sleepers, studs and watches are acceptable forms of jewellery. Necklaces can be worn underneath shirts as long as they are not considered to be a choking hazard.

3.4 Extreme hair styles are not permitted. Long hair is to be tied back – this reduces the spread of head lice. Hair accessories are to be in school colours.

3.5 Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.

3.6 The dress code should not inflict hardship on any family. The Principal has the discretion to make the necessary arrangements to ensure this does not occur.

3.7 Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.

3.8 Terms 1 & 4 are classed as 'Sunsmart' and appropriate hats must be worn whilst students are outside. Students will also be required to wear hats during the remaining terms if UV is classified as extreme.

3.9 Visible undergarments worn underneath uniforms must be in the school colours. Visible socks must be in school colours. White socks are permitted.

3.10 All clothing items must be clearly labelled, clean and tidy. Graffiti on clothing is not permitted.

3.11 Footwear – black school shoes and runners are permitted. Open toe shoes are an occupational, health and safety risk and as such are not permitted. Runners should be worn during PE and sport classes.

3.12 Grade 6 students will be offered an additional uniform item in recognition of their graduating year. Uptake of this item will be optional.

#### 4. Uniform

- Purple summer dress
- Navy blue shorts
- Navy blue skort/skirt
- Purple or pale blue polo shirt
- Navy blue track pants
- Purple or pale blue long sleeved polo shirt
- Navy blue rugby jumper or bomber jacket
- School hat
- White/navy blue socks (if visible)
- Navy blue/white tights
- Navy blue, pale blue or purple skivvy

\* There are no restrictions on when the Summer and Winter uniforms can be worn.

***Ratified by School Council: 2015***

This policy will be reviewed every three years. The next scheduled review will be in 2018.

