



DRESS CODE POLICY



Rationale:

- Winters Flat Primary School believes that a school uniform fosters neatness of dress and a sense of belonging. The wearing of a uniform helps to generate a positive tone within the school community by promoting equality of opportunity and circumventing peer pressure with regard to clothing. Pupils are easily identifiable when taking part in a school excursion, adding to their safety.

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:

- All students are required to wear school uniform.
- A school uniform top will be required to be worn by all students whilst at school or engaged in school activities (unless students and parents are otherwise notified e.g. Out-of- Uniform Day, some Excursions, some Camps).
- Students must wear navy blue articles of clothing with their school top.
- All dress/uniform requirements must enable both sexes to participate fully, actively and safely in school life.
- The Principal will have the power of discretion in certain circumstances.
- Information about the student dress code, including any changes in dress requirements, will be communicated widely throughout the school community. All prospective students and parents should be notified of the dress code requirements prior to enrolment at school.
- When changes are proposed to the dress code, School Council will:
 - make prior contact with any suppliers with whom the school has a contract to negotiate a possible timeline for implementation of the changes;

- conduct extensive consultation on the proposed details of the change with parents, teachers and students;
 - publish widely details of the implementation strategy and timeline when a new or amended dress code is to be implemented;
 - devise means of acknowledging any significant financial costs to parents that may be brought about through changes in the dress code.
- Consideration will be given to the lasting quality, practicality and cost of items of uniform.
 - Uniform orders and sales are to be the responsibility of the School Council's uniform shop, with a second-hand shop to be available for purposes of convenience and economy.
 - As stated in the SunSmart Policy, the wearing of school hats is from September 1st until April 30th and is compulsory.
 - Footwear is to be suitable for all school activities, as Physical Education forms an integral part of the daily school program.
 - Naming of articles of clothing is essential.
 - There will be a flexible choice of available items for school uniform.

Evaluation:

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

This policy was last ratified by School Council

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