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UNIFORM REGULATIONS

Education Regulations 2020 (Part 9 –39) on school dress code, provides as follows:

- The right for Governing Councils to determine school dress policy
- Consultation entitlements and processes
- Enforcement obligations and exemption conditions

PURPOSE

The purpose of implementing a school uniform is to:

1. Promote a sense of belonging and pride within school and local community
2. Establish a distinctive identity for the school
3. Offer a variety of choices to cater to diverse student preferences for different activities while ensuring adherence to health and safety standards
4. Foster a sense of equity among the student by eliminating competition related to brand name/fashion clothing

The Governing Council has granted approval for the uniform policy and expects student compliance, with the support from parents and staff vital to enforce it effectively.

EXPECTATIONS

1. Any student not wearing full school uniform who:
 - a. Has a note of explanation from home, will be offered a loan uniform and in this instance is expected to change/comply
 - b. Does not have a note of explanation from home, will be provided with a loan uniform and may be given community service.

2. Parents/caregivers will be contacted by letter or diary note if students persistently breach the school dress code. This may include a request for a family conference to resolve difficulties.
3. All students in Years R -12 are required to wear the approved school uniform.

N.B. leggings/jeggings are not considered as stockings/tights and are not a part of the uniform. Stockings may be worn under skirts for additional warmth and modesty reasons.

GUIDELINES

- Students are required to wear the School Uniform tops with School Logo.
- School Uniform can be bought through the School Uniform Shop.
- Students wearing singlets, leggings, jeggings, thongs, shorts of an inappropriate length, any clothing advertising drugs, alcohol, or with inappropriate and offensive slogans may be asked to go home and change.
- Senior students who are not in school uniform and live locally will be asked to go home and change, and return to school immediately. The teacher will issue a note. Students are to sign out at the School Front Office and take the note home to their parent / guardian. When they return to sign in, the time will be recorded, and details forwarded to the Home Group teacher.
- NO BRAND NAMES or LOGOS ARE TO BE WORN on any clothing worn at school.
- Students are expected to wear clothing appropriate to the current activity, e.g. covered shoes in workshops, sports shoes for PE. Thongs, scuffs, slip-on shoes are not acceptable as per WHS guidelines. Sandals must have a heel strap.
- Lay-by facilities are available for all items.
- Secondhand items will also be available, subject to supply, in the Community Centre.
- When purchasing school clothing from the Uniform Shop in the Front Office, students without parental supervision are able to purchase school uniforms before school, during lunch and after school.

FOOTWEAR

For safety reasons, footwear must be enclosed and comply with WHS requirements. Black shoes, and plain black laces.

SUN CARE / HAT POLICY

In alignment with the Cancer Council SA SunSmart Policy:

- **R-6 students:** wearing a hat outdoors is compulsory.
- **7-12 students:** wearing a hat during outdoor activities is strongly encouraged.

Please note that hats and caps must be removed when inside buildings.

Scarves and beanies may not be worn.

PE CLOTHING

PE uniform is not to be worn to or from school or in the classroom.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

Jewellery will be discrete. No facial piercings. Make-up and hair should be in natural tones, and nails kept short for WHS reasons.

UNIFORM ADJUSTMENTS FOR SENSORY REQUIREMENTS

Students with sensory needs requiring uniform adjustments must provide medical documentation. Any changes to the uniform must be approved in partnership with the school and include the school logo consistent with the standard uniform.