



## Policy Name: Uniforms

A Uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing school connectedness and inclusion. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors contributing to the establishment of a uniform dress code.

### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

- 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.
- Ensure new students are assimilated quickly: assist with easily identifying students on excursions, activities in the community.

### DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM:

- All students will wear the South Geelong Primary School, School Uniform.
- After consultation with the school community, the School Council has developed a Uniform dress code that we believe 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.
- All items listed (see attachment) will be the only choices available for school uniform.

### IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAM:

- The Uniform dress code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- All students will have neat and tidy hair tied back from their face. All shoulder length hair must be tied up. Hair ornaments (eg: butterfly clips) that can be accidentally broken against the scalp must not be worn to school, except for special days, eg “Wacky Hair Day”.
- Extreme hair colours (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or Mohawks) are not permitted.
- Other than lip balm, makeup and nail polish may not be worn at school.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is a brimmed hat that is consistent with our Sunsmart policy. Hats must be worn in terms 1 and 4 and are not to be worn inside.

- Classroom teachers will monitor students' uniform. Teachers will remind students and use school diaries/communication books to reinforce this with parents.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Uniform Dress code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the principal.
- When a parent/guardian demonstrates significant economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code, they can apply in writing for support to the Principal.
- Parents are expected to name all pieces of clothing.
- All lost clothing will be gathered into one place. This will be sorted at the end of term and named items will be returned to students. All unnamed items will be taken to an Opportunity Shop.
- Open toed and slips on shoes are not to be worn for safety reasons.

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS PROGRAMS:**

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- The school sports uniform will consist of football jumpers, netball skirts and sports singlet (Level 3-6 sports uniforms loaned by the school). This is to be worn when participating in physical education and sports events at the school and other venues.
- The school will advise parents/guardians, in writing, of any interschool sporting activities or special sporting events and provide details of the required uniform for that event.
- Physical Education and Sport sessions are timetabled (subject to change).

### **CAMPS AND CASUAL DRESS DAYS:**

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- Students will continue to observe Sunsmart Policy requirements by wearing appropriate Sunsmart head wear outside during Terms 1 and 4.
- T-shirt and other clothing featuring offensive language will not be worn at school.
- Singlet and Tank tops are not to be worn at any time.
- Open toed and slips on shoes are not to be worn for safety reasons.

### **EVALUATION PROCEDURES:**

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- School Council will evaluate regular formal and informal feedback from all members of the school community.
- Members of the School Leadership Team or Student Welfare Co-ordinator will report to the Finance Committee and School Council with regards to changes in items, prices, and other recommendations.
- Feedback and consultation with students will occur through representatives from Junior School Council.
- This policy will be reviewed in June 2022
- **Current Uniform Suppliers:**
  1. PSW Quality Apparel – 164 Malop Street Geelong. Phone 9768 0383
  2. A Plus Uniforms – Shop 5, Belmont Walk, 33 Thomson Street, Belmont. Phone 5243 7240