



# Dress Code Policy

While there is no official uniform, it is expected that students dress in attire that is practical, inexpensive, modest and non-offensive. Parents are expected to exercise guidance in advising their children about suitable dress and appearance. Students are dressing for school (i.e. work) and not for social or fashion purposes. Students should view their time at school as preparation for the workplace and be mindful of what is appropriate for the school environment:

## What is not acceptable:

- Jewellery items such as watches, rings, studs and earrings should be small and discreet.
- Make-up: wearing heavy makeup while in school is not appropriate.
- Nail Polish: lighter colours only are suitable. Nails must be kept to fingertip length for health and safety.
- Hair: hair style and colour should not be too extreme.
- Hats are not to be worn in class.
- Statements and/or logos on clothing that carry offensive or distasteful images or text and which do not promote a safe, moral & positive learning environment are unacceptable.
- Any modifications to the body, tattoos etc must be covered
- Clothing should provide modest coverage of the body. No short skirts, shorts, low-cut or skimpy tops/singlets.
- Clothing that exposes the shoulders and mid-riff may pose serious health risks because of exposure to UV light and are not to be worn.
- Shoes are to be worn.
- Sandals, thongs, slip on shoes are not suitable.

### **Why do we promote a dress code?**

- It is an opportunity for students to take pride in themselves.
- To ensure students are dressed appropriately for the school learning environment.
- How students look and behave on excursions is a reflection about the school.
- A dress code reduces pressures on students to look a certain way.
- It prepares students for understanding appropriate attire in the work force.
- To ensure students are safe in various learning environments.

### **What is required**

- Students should view their time at school as preparation for the workplace and be mindful of what is safe for the school environment
- Sports shoes are required to allow students to participate fully and safely in the curriculum such as Health & PE, Technologies, Science & Arts.
- Hats: As part of our Sun Smart Policy, students are strongly encouraged to wear a hat and sunscreen when outside during daylight- saving months.
- Protective clothing: Appropriate protective clothing such as an apron, Lab coat/Smock and safety glasses is required in learning environments such as Technologies, Science, and Arts. Where required this is provided by the school.
- Students wearing questionable apparel may be asked to go home to change or cover the item of clothing.
- Parents and Caregivers may contact the school to clarify any aspects of the School's Dress Code.