



## Ashburton Drive Primary School Dress Code Policy

### Background

The School's Dress Code plays an important part in promoting a positive image of the school and creating a sense of identity. The staff, parents and School Council agree that a school dress code helps to:

- Foster and enhance the public image of the school
- Assist in building school and team spirit
- Ensure students are safely dressed for specific school activities
- Promote a sense of identity and pride in the school
- Encourage equity among students

The school and School Council strongly promote the wearing of a school uniform by all students from K-6.

### Rationale for School Dress Code

In accordance with *Education Act Regulation 30*, the Principal of a government school may prevent a student from participating in a school activity if the student's participation in the activity would constitute, or would be likely to constitute, a hazard to the student, or to other students or members of staff at the school, as a result of:

- (a) The clothing worn by the student including headwear or footwear; or
- (b) The length of the student's hair, or the student's hair style; or
- (c) The jewellery or other adornment worn by the student including any ring, stud or other thing attached to the student's body, including hair.

### Consultation

The School Council is to widely canvass students, parents and staff before establishing or changing the Dress Code. The following tools may be used: surveys, information in the newsletter, meetings with the P&C and Student Council.

### Dress Code

Students are expected to comply with the school dress code. Items of clothing with large advertising logos or graphics are discouraged. Shirts with obscenities and denim clothing are prohibited.

The following list makes up the uniform requirements for Ashburton Drive Primary School.

### Unisex Clothing

- Maroon school polo shirt
- Navy blue micro fibre track pants
- Navy blue full polar fleece jacket with embroidered school logo
- Navy blue micro sport shorts
- Year 6 graduation shirt (Year 6 students only)

Options include: navy blue shorts or navy blue pants/ track pants, summer dress, tartan skirt, navy blue skirts (skirt with hidden shorts), navy blue sports skirt. **NB leggings/bike shorts may only be worn under a skirt.**

### Hats

The school has a "No Hat No Play" in the sun policy **for the whole year**. Students are to wear a broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaire style hat:

- hats do not have to be of school design
- hats must not contain inappropriate pictures, logos or words
- sun visors, beanies and caps are not deemed as appropriate hats

**Students who do not have a suitable hat will be restricted to play in the under covered area (year 1 - 6) or shaded veranda (Early Childhood Unit).**

### **Shoes**

Students are required to wear sandals with a back strap or closed in shoes at all times. These may be either joggers or leather. Students are expected to have appropriate shoes (joggers) for sport sessions. Thongs or slip-on scuffs may be worn to and from the pool for swimming lessons but not at school.

### **Hair Styles**

Hair should be neat with shoulder length hair tied back. Hair should not hang across a student's face or cover the eyes due to restricted vision and the risk of conjunctivitis. Hair accessories are preferred in school colours. No JoJo style bows, ie large hair accessories.

### **Make up/Nail Polish/False Nails**

Students are **not** to wear make up, nail polish or false nails to school. Make up refers to eye liner, mascara, lipstick and rouge etc. If a student arrives at school wearing either of these, they will be asked to remove them.

### **Jewellery/Earrings/Body Piercing**

Students may have small stud earrings or sleepers in ears but other body piercing and additional decorative jewellery are not permitted due to safety concerns.

### **Sporting Activities**

Faction shirts, navy blue sports skirts or shorts and suitable sports shoes and a hat are required during physical education and sports days.

#### **Faction                      Faction Colour**

Murchison	Yellow
Gascoyne	Orange
Fortescue	Green
De Grey	Blue

Students who represent the school in various sporting teams, football, soccer, netball etc, will be expected to wear the uniform provided by the school or outlined by the teacher in charge of that group.

#### **Faction Friday**

All students are welcome to wear their faction shirts on Fridays.

#### **Excursions**

When students attend an excursion, they are to wear the school uniform to help with identification, safety in accordance with the Dress Code Policy.

#### **Camps**

When students attend a camp, they are to wear

- School polo shirt while in transit
- Other clothes deemed suitable for the camp venue, as instructed by the teacher in charge.

#### **Availability of Dress Code Items**

Items described in the school Dress Code can be obtained from:

- The School Uniform Shop operated by a parent volunteer and managed by the school
- Items in the designed school colours may be purchased from any clothing Department Store; and
- Uniform items not in stock can be ordered through the Uniform Shop directly.

### **Changes to the Dress Requirements**

Changes to the dress requirements will be kept to a minimum (maximum two (2) per year).

All changes need to be carried out in full consultation with:

- The school
- School Board
- Student Council
- Advertised to the wider school community

\* Old stock must be exhausted before new items are introduced.

\* An appropriate “change over time” needs to be allowed. The time deemed appropriate will be set by the above parties; once all ‘old’ stock is exhausted.

#### **Publishing Dress Code**

The Dress Code is to be published in the school newsletter at the beginning of each school year.

The information on School Uniforms must also to be included in Parent Information Packages.

#### **Non-Compliance with the Dress Code**

The school will ensure that procedural fairness and cultural and personal sensitivity is afforded when dealing with issues of non-compliance. In accordance with *regulation 36* a student is not to be disciplined in relation to the non-compliance for Dress Code, hair styles and adornments; however, sanctions and exclusion from specific activities may be applied after parents have been informed.

The Principal may prevent a student not conforming to the Dress Code from attending any activity in respect of which the student would have been representing the school. The Principal may also prevent the student from attending or participating in any school activity which, in the opinion of the Principal, is not an essential part of the student’s educational program.

Students who do not conform to the requirements of dress, hair styles and adornments will be asked to comply with the school standard and their parents will be contacted to enlist support. If non-compliance continues, the Principal may prevent the student from attending or participating in any school activity which, in the opinion of the Principal would constitute a hazard to the student, other students or members of staff. Parents will be informed when this occurs.

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