



# Barnawartha Primary School

## STUDENT UNIFORM

### POLICY

#### Rationale:

- A uniform dress code for our students reinforces a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. It prepares them for the social expectations and rules that are placed on them in the workforce. Issues of equality, health and safety and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

#### Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in themselves, 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:

- A Dress Code allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- **CLOTHING:** Summer and winter uniforms are prescribed and are required to be worn. Black, white or navy socks to be worn (no knee high/extreme coloured socks permitted).
- **JEWELLERY:** Stud earrings and sleepers only can be worn in the ears and a watch are the only acceptable jewellery. Facial piercing is banned.
- **HAIR:** Students (boys and girls) with hair longer than shoulder length, is to be tied back, or if it covers their eyes it is to be tied/pinned back off the face. If hair is longer than waistline when tied back, it is required to be plaited or presented in a manner so that it is not longer than the shoulders.
- **Extreme hair colours** (eg: green, blue, red, pink or purple rinses and dyes) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes, or mohawks) **are not permitted.** (Exceptions are made only during organised fundraising events such as Crazy Hair Days where coloured spray and hair chalk are permitted, as too Mohawks and spiked hair).
- **MAKEUP/NAILPOLISH:** Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- **HATS:** The only headwear that is acceptable are Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn from September 1<sup>st</sup> and during Term 1. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- **FOOTWEAR:** Sneakers, school shoes and toe covered sandals are the only shoes permitted to be worn (no skate shoes, thongs, open toed shoes or ballet flats are allowed).
- In terms 2 and 3 students may bring an extra pair of boots - football/gum boots to wear outside and slippers to wear inside.
- **Foundation Transition T-shirts** can only be worn during their transition period before commencing school. Once enrolled and commence schooling as a Foundation student they are required to wear the prescribed uniform.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the app 'Uniforms' button and /or displayed within the website.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- **Students in breach of the Dress Code** will be expected to make changes at school if possible, eg provided with a hair tie/bobby pin/or makeup/nailpolish remover/spare school T-shirt/jumper (if available) **or** parents will be called and required to make the necessary changes to uphold the code eg in the case of extreme hair colouring or clothing.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.

#### Evaluation:

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

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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