

## **STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY**

### **PURPOSE**

Devon Meadows Primary School Student Dress Code policy is put in place to ensure that all children wear a uniform while attending school, excursions and interschool sporting events. It 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. Issues of equality, health and safety and expense are also factors that contributed to the establishment of the dress code.

### **GUIDELINES**

- After consultation with the school community, School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for students, allows students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, meets the needs and wishes of various cultural, religious and ethnic groups within our community and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- Families experiencing financial hardship may be funded for school uniform through the State Schools' Relief Fund.
- Developing a Dress Code will be the responsibility of the School Council, through the Uniform Sub-committee.
- The School Dress Code will be subject to on-going annual reviews by School Council and changes will be communicated to the school community.
- School Uniform guidelines will be made clear to families prior to enrolment and will be included in the information booklet. The policy will be available at the office.
- The Uniform Sub-Committee will review the uniform guidelines in line with the review of this Uniform Policy.
- Exemptions may be made at the discretion of the principal.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are on school excursions.
- Children are expected to wear school uniform at all times, except in specific circumstances as approved by the principal.
- Uniforms are sold through Kool and the Crew via an online store.
- School Council may approve on an annual basis individual variation to the uniform to allow for a Grade 6 shirt and windcheater.
- Students who are not in school uniform will follow this process:
  - A letter is sent home if a reason for being out of uniform is not supplied.
  - A second continuous day out of uniform will result in the student being restricted to specific areas of the school yard and phone call made home.

### **Jewellery**

- Stud earrings and/or sleepers (no dangling parts) can be worn in the ear lobes.
- Earrings that are inserted to enlarge the original piercing are not permitted at school.

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- Rings, studs or piercings on any part of the visible body (except the ear) are not to be worn at any time.
- Watches are the only acceptable visible jewellery, rings, bracelets, bands and anklets are not to be worn.
- Necklaces are not to be worn.
- Exemptions may be made at the discretion of the principal.

### Make Up and decorative Art Work

- Facial cosmetics are not to be worn at school.
- Coloured nail polish is not permitted. Clear nail polish is permitted.
- Visible tattoos, either permanent or temporary are not permitted.
- If facial cosmetics, coloured nail polish and visible tattoos are worn to school a letter will be sent home requiring their removal by the next school day.

### Hair

- Hair is to be of natural colour. Extreme hair colour or rinses are not permitted.
- Extreme hairstyles, e.g. spiked, dreadlocks or Mohawks are not permitted.
- Ornate hair clips, ties and bands are not acceptable. Flat headbands, hair ties and 'scrunchies' may be worn but must be bottle green, yellow, black or neutral.
- For health and safety reasons long hair (shoulder length or longer) must be tied up.

### Hats/Headwear

- The only school hats that are acceptable are:
  - The bottle green wide brimmed hats with the school logo purchased from Kool and the Crew which is consistent with our SunSmart Policy.
  - Plain bottle green beanie for colder weather that have no brands, designs or sporting logos.
- Hats are to be worn at all times in accordance with the dates provided by SunSmart (1<sup>st</sup> September -30<sup>th</sup> April).
- Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Religious headwear, such as turbans and hijabs, may be worn in accordance to religious beliefs but must be bottle green.

### Footwear

- Footwear that exposes toes or open heels is unacceptable at any time.
- Canvas and/or slip on shoes are a safety concern and are not acceptable.
- School shoes and runner/sports shoes are permitted. Knee high boots, ankle boots or any shoe with a distinct heel are not allowed.
- Socks are to be bottle green or white with no logos.

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**Uniform Requirements**

- Uniform requirements are as per attached product list.
- Tights may only be worn under a winter skirt or skort and must be bottle green. Tights are not to be worn under the summer dress.
- Leggings are not to be worn under the dress, the winter skirt or by themselves.
- No singlets or clothing that exposes shoulders is to be worn on free dress days in accordance with our SunSmart Policy.
- Clothing other than school uniform is not permitted to be worn as underneath.
- Only the rain jacket with the school logo may be worn.

**EVALUATION**

All policies will be reviewed as part of the school's cyclic review process.  
This policy will be reviewed in September 2022.



COUNCIL APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_