

# Dress Code and Uniform Policy

## **Salisbury Park Primary School** RATIONALE

A school uniform/dress code policy is in place at Salisbury Park Primary School in an effort to improve student safety, relieve peer pressure and provide economical certainty for parents in the purchase of school approved clothing items. It also serves as a mechanism to support and build school morale, respect and a deeper sense of belonging.

### **Dress Code – Acceptable items of Clothing**

At Salisbury Park Primary School students are expected to wear the approved polo T-shirt and rugby jumper which is only available for purchase from the front office.

These uniform items must have the embroidered school logo.

Blue/white checked dresses are also permitted

Solid navy parkas may also be worn during periods of wet weather.

A navy blue bucket hat will be required to be worn by all students during outdoor activities. Any logo displayed on this hat must be the school logo.

Students will be required to wear an approved hat during any outdoor activity throughout the year.

Clothing must meet acceptable community standards of neatness and decency e.g. tank tops, crop tops and other items of clothing as determined by the Dress Code and School Uniform Policy Committee of Governing Council are not acceptable.

### **Dress Code Exclusions**

The following items are not part of the approved school uniform/dress code at Salisbury Park Primary School and as such, cannot be worn by students:

- Jeans
- Brightly dyed hair (students are permitted to use 'spray on wash out' colour in their hair for Sports Day and identified whole school events)
- Tank tops, Crop tops
- Shorts must be ½ way down to the knee and loose fitting
- make up including painted or false nails
- jewellery except for small sleepers or studs in the ears only
- wallet chains or large belt buckles
- head bands and hair ties are to be in the school colours of navy blue and red only

### **Approved School Colours**

At our school the approved school colours are navy blue and red. Clothing items must be solid in colour. Patterned, striped or dotted designs are not part of the school uniform.

## **Footwear**

Closed shoes or runners are acceptable for most school activities. School – type sandals are also approved as suitable at Salisbury Park Primary School.

Thongs and open slip on style footwear are not approved as they pose a significant safety risk to students.

## **Instances of Non-Compliance**

Students who choose not to comply with the Salisbury Park Primary School dress code may be asked to remove the non complying item of clothing and replace it/them with an approved item of clothing provided (where available) by front office staff.

Students wearing make-up will be asked to remove it immediately under supervision by front office staff.

With discretion, the school principal may follow the procedures outlined by the governing council to address instances of non-compliance with the approved dress code of the school. These may include:

- Posting a standard letter home to parents requesting compliance with the school dress code and uniform policy.
- Telephoning the parent/s to request compliance with the school dress code and uniform policy.
- Seeking the support of the Education Director aligned to the school

## **Exemptions**

Parents may request that the child is granted an exemption from wearing school uniform. All requests must be made in writing to the Principal. It is unlikely that an exemption on the grounds of financial hardship will be granted because approved school clothing can be purchased inexpensively from the school. A supply of good quality second hand clothing items will also be able for purchase.

Exemptions may be granted on the following grounds:

- ❖ Religious
- ❖ Cultural or ethnic
- ❖ New Student (time to purchase)
- ❖ Genuine medical or family sickness reasons
- ❖ Any other grounds Governing Council may determine.