

ARDMONA PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Rationale:

- A uniform dress code reinforces in students 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 contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

Aims:

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

- School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, 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.
- Summer and Winter uniforms, as well as a sports uniform will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Extreme hair colours or extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- Headware during Terms 1 & 4 must be the school bucket hat and consistent with Sunsmart policy.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must seek approval from the Principal.
- Support for families is provided through State Schools Relief.

Dress Code:

- Students may wear a royal blue T-Shirt, polo shirt or skivvy, a royal blue windcheater, zip jacket or hooded windcheater. Navy blue trackpants or red shorts may be worn-no other emblems are acceptable other than the school logo.
- Hats must be school bucket hat and worn terms 1 and 4.

- Girls may wear blue and white checked dress, blue or white cardigan and Navy/Black tights.
- Students may wear black, blue or brown shoes, sandshoes or black, brown, navy or white sandals with closed toes.
- The only acceptable logos are the school logos on jumpers and shirts.
- Parents are to send a note to the Principal to explain why the child is out of uniform. The Principal / Welfare Officer may assist families experiencing financial difficulties to obtain the uniform.

Guidelines and Implementation:

- School Council to manage the matters related to uniforms (eg: purchase and provision of uniforms, lost property and second hand uniform maintenance).
- Guidelines to be included with the booklet issued to new families.
- Copy of this document to be passed to all existing and new staff.
- If students turn up out of uniform or in in-appropriate clothing items / adornments to school, the students will be restricted to the shade cloth area and/or appropriate activities, decided by the teachers. Parents will be notified that a breach of the Dress Code has occurred in writing.
- If a second breach of the Dress Code has occurred, parents will be contacted.
- The wearing of royal blue school bucket hat will be a compulsory part of the School Uniform. School Council will initially provide a hat for Prep. Enrolments. It would be ideal the hat will remain at school, to be worn at all outside activities, in line with the Sun Smart policy. When a new hat is required, parents will be required to purchase a new, blue, bucket hat from the school.
- Students with pierced ears may only wear studs or sleepers in them, due to safety reasons.

Evaluation:

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

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Approved By	School Council
Date Reviewed	
Responsible for Review	Assistant Principal
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