



# FALLS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL

## STUDENT DRESS CODE

### **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 ensure the wearing of clothing that is practical for our school environment and which maintains the safety of the students.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

### **Implementation:**

- After consultation with the school community, 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.
- Due to the largely transient nature of the school population, a uniform is not deemed to be practical. However students are required to wear clothing appropriate to the environment.
- Students are required to wear sunglasses or goggles when participating in snow sport activities during winter.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- Revealing clothing and bare midriffs are not acceptable.
- Footwear should be durable and completely cover both the upper foot and the heel.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside in terms 1 & 4. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- The student Dress Code will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year and made available to prospective parents/guardians prior to enrolment.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Arrangements can be made via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code on the grounds of religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal for consideration. A summary report of the applications for exemptions and the decisions the principal makes will be provided to School Council.

### **Evaluation:**

- This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis.

This policy was approved by Falls Creek Primary School Council in August 2009