

UNIFORM POLICY

RATIONALE:

A Uniform Policy reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in representing their school. Issues of identity, health and safety and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Uniform Policy.

1.0 PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To further develop a sense of pride in and identification with our school.
- 1.2 To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- 1.3 To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
- 1.4 To eliminate peer group pressure to wear non-prescribed clothing to school.

2.0 GUIDELINES FOR ACTION:

- 2.1 The wearing of school uniform is endorsed by School Council. Students are to wear the prescribed Chatham Primary School uniform on a daily basis unless exemption has been granted by the Principal, in line with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Guidelines.
- 2.2 The Uniform Policy applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when the students are representatives of the school and are on school excursions.
- 2.3 A summer and winter endorsed uniform list will be prescribed each year, and required to be worn by all students. Where specialised uniforms are required to be worn for extra-curricula activities, parents will be notified separately.
- 2.4 School uniforms will be available for purchase from a preferred contracted supplier who will stock items for sale as per the endorsed Uniform List.
- 2.5 The school will operate a second hand uniform shop.
- 2.6 Items of uniform purchased from outlets other than the contracted supplier must be of the same colour, style and fabric to those available from the supplier or through the school's second hand shop.
- 2.7 The preferred contracted supplier will provide photographs of endorsed uniform items for sale for school use, which will be displayed in each classroom.
- 2.8 The student Uniform Policy, including details of uniform items and prices, as well as supplier's details will be published on the school website and included in Information packs for new families available through the school office.
- 2.9 School Council requires the Principal, in conjunction with teachers and parents, be responsible for implementation of the Uniform Policy. Staff will actively monitor the wearing of school uniform. If a student fails to wear the endorsed uniform after a verbal reminder from a class or specialist teacher, the student will be issued with a Warning note from the Assistant Principal to be returned signed by the student's parent/guardians.

- 2.10 Parents are required to affix name tags or clearly label all uniform items.
- 2.11 All of clothing in the lost property cupboard will be cleared by members of the school community at the end of each fortnight/month/term. Any unnamed articles may be used for sick bay/wet weather or second hand uniforms.
- 2.12 Exiting families will be encouraged to donate uniform items as part of our school sustainability practice.
- 2.13 The endorsed uniform list and quality of merchandise will be reviewed each year in partnership with nominated school representatives and the contracted supplier.

3.0 BASIS OF DISCRETION:

- 3.1 Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery. Extreme hair colours and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
- 3.2 Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- 3.3 The only head wear that is acceptable are SunSmart hats consistent with our SunSmart Policy. They must be worn for all outside activities from 1st September to 1st April, and on days in Term 2 and 3 when UV levels are 3 or above. Hats are not to be worn inside. School Council endorsed sunglasses are an optional uniform item.
- 3.4 If, after receiving a Warning, parents have any objections to their child complying with the Standard Uniform List or Guidelines/Basis of Discretion, they can complete an Exemption form on the school website and return it to the Assistant Principal.
- 3.5 Funds generated through the second hand shop may, at times, be used by students as part of a classroom learning program.

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