



# Student Uniform

## POLICY

### **RATIONALE**

Port Melbourne Primary School has always had a strong tradition of students wearing a uniform. The royal blue and red colour associated with the school is known and recognised around the wider City of Port Phillip community, giving students a sense of belonging and a degree of security. The uniform assists the students to feel pride in their school and themselves.

### **AIMS**

School Council requires all students to wear the official school uniform to:

- Create a distinctive, attractive, practical mode of dress in the school colours of royal blue and red.
- Create and promote a sense of belonging to Port Melbourne Primary School.
- To identify students in the community, particularly during school excursions, sporting activities and special occasions.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- The dress code applies during school hours and whilst travelling to and from school.
- School uniform is compulsory for all students at Port Melbourne Primary School and should be worn at all times unless appropriate sports clothing is worn during participation in an approved sporting event
- School Council will, from time to time, determine what items of clothing constitute school uniform as per Attachment A and will ensure as far as possible, that the cost of the basic school uniform items are minimised
- The school will provide an order system for the purchase of school uniforms
- Royal blue hats (in Legionnaire, Wide-Brimmed or Bucket style) which are deemed sun smart and official uniform garments, will be required to be worn outside from September 1 to April 30.
- Year six students may purchase and wear, as part of their uniform, a Year 6 polo shirt, which will be available by ordering early in the school year.
- Leggings must be navy blue or black.
- A royal blue netball skirt can be worn but must not have any badges or insignia on it.
- Local sporting club uniforms do not form part of the school uniform and are not to be worn at school.
- Jewellery other than studs or sleepers and a watch is not to be worn
- Makeup and coloured nail polish is not acceptable to be worn to school.
- Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back.
- The dress code will comply with the school's Sunsmart policy
- Families who experience difficulty in purchasing appropriate school uniform should contact the Principal who will provide advice about support options and strategies.
- The Principal is empowered to grant exemptions from sections of the dress code under section 4.8.5.2 of the Schools Reference Guide.

## **BREACHES OF THE DRESS CODE**

- Students who are unable to wear school uniform for any reason (eg wet clothing) must wear clothing that is as similar as possible to school uniform and bring an explanatory note from a parent/guardian.
- Where a note is not supplied, an out of uniform note will be sent to parents via Compass for any child that is out of uniform.
- Students who are not in full school uniform will NOT be permitted to take part in school excursions
- If a student arrives at school in clothing that, in the opinion of the principal, is inappropriate, the student will be required to change into a uniform provided by the school (where possible) for that day and parents/guardians will be contacted
- Inappropriate jewellery will be removed for safekeeping and returned at the end of day.
- Parents may request an exemption from this uniform policy on religious grounds by applying in writing to the principal.

## **EVALUATION**

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

Ratified by School Council:

Review due:

Appendix A: Items of Uniform

