Purpose

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.

Scope

- St Paul’s Catholic Primary School Nightcliff
- St Paul’s Catholic primary School Nightcliff - OSHC

Definitions

Policy Statements

- The School 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.

Spray jackets are for sale and are the only acceptable outer garment to be worn when a child is cold.

Sports uniform will be prescribed, and are required to be worn on the day prescribed as the Physical Education lesson.

Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.

Extreme hair colours (e.g.: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (e.g.: spikes or Mohawks) are not permitted.

Hair below shoulder length must be put up. Colours of ties can be white, black, green or brown.

Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.

The only headwear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They are the hats provided by the school.

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 with the principal for families experiencing economic hardship.

Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the School Council.

Notes must be presented to the classroom teacher if the child is not in full uniform.

Sports days and Special Event days: In the case of a casual clothes day or special event days e.g. Crazy Hair Day, students and families will be notified what is acceptable dress on those days.

Year Six Graduation top – Student names should not be exposed on the outside of the shirt. If names are to be printed, they will be printed on the inside of the jacket.

Students are to remain in uniform at After School Care. Any student who needs to change to attend another event/function e.g. dance lesson, sport’s training, should change just before they are due to leave.

Supporting Documents and Processes

- School Uniforms are sold at the school uniform shop in the front office. Price list are published in the school newsletter.

- In the case of school student leaders having to attend an event representing the school, where possible the student will be supplied with appropriate uniform if they are unable to supply it themselves.

- School Prospectus – is supplied to all enrolling families and contains detailed instructions around school uniform.
Review Date

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle, in accordance with Catholic Education Office requirements.

References

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