Jandakot Primary School

Dress Code Policy

RATIONALE

The School Board endorses the School Dress Code Policy as it supports students, teachers and families in the following ways:

- enables the students to develop a sense of identity, belonging and pride in their school;
- encourages the selection of clothing that supports active participation in all school activities;
- prevents the development of a competitive/harassing environment where students are labelled according to clothing/fashion; and
- provides an aspect of safety whereby students are more easily recognisable both within school and at out of school activities.

This position is supported by the Department of Education Western Australia in its Dress Codes for Students in Government Schools which states that:

- students in Western Australian government schools are required to be clean and appropriately dressed for school activities; and
- the school Board, in consultation with its school community, may set down a student dress code which contains the school's expectations of the personal presentation of its students during school hours and when they represent the school out-of-school hours. This may include broad expectations and specific garment design and colours.

ACCEPTABLE CLOTHING STYLES

School Uniform

- shorts (royal blue)
- zip jacket
- JPS polo shirt
- track pants (royal blue)
- skort (royal blue)
- summer dress, checked

Sports Uniform

Faction polo T-shirt
JPS reversible bucket hat
Interschool shirt

The school uniform is required when children are representing the school, in school or out of school hours. This includes representative team members and spectators in areas of sport, drama, music and when children are involved in excursions.

Non-Uniform Garments

Items purchased outside the school are to be in School Dress Code colours and are to be plain and unpatterned. Slogans and multi-coloured designs are not acceptable.

Unacceptable Clothing Styles and Accessories

Unacceptable clothing styles or accessories are those which are deemed by the Principal and staff to be inappropriate in terms of safety, suitability for school and long term effects of the sun on the skin eg. denim clothes, tank tops, bike pants, snap tracksuit pants, shoestring straps, ugg boots and thongs, fashion jewellery, accessories and make-up.

For safety reasons sleepers and studs are the only acceptable earring types.

For safety reasons flexible covered shoes are strongly recommended.

Hats

Jandakot Primary School encourages children to be sun smart all year round but in line with the school's 'No Hat, Stay in the Shade' approach, the reversible JPS bucket hat must be worn in the outdoors throughout the school year.

Labelling of Items of School Clothing

It is strongly recommended that all items of clothing worn to school are clearly labelled with the student's name.

Exemptions

The Principal may exempt students from the Dress Code upon direct communication from the parents and will generally be for a period of time and determined by individual needs.

The grounds for exemption or modification relate to student health, ethnic considerations, religion, financial hardship, or any other matter which, in the Principal's opinion, is sufficient to exempt a student from dress code requirements.

Resolving Differences

To ensure that the Dress Code Policy is known and understood by the school community its expectations and resolution processes will be regularly communicated.

The Principal is responsible for resolving differences in relation to the Dress Code Policy.

Policy Review

The Dress Code Policy will be reviewed by the School Board at least every five years at which time further consultation with the community may occur.