

SCHOOL NO. 4401 - KATANDRA WEST

Policy Statement: ENVIRONMENT

674 - SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Responsibility: Principal, Parents & Friends, Staff and School Council.

This Policy was last ratified by School Council in 2014.

1. PURPOSE:

A school 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 School Dress Code.

Our School Dress Code aims to:

- Promote equality amongst all students.
- Further develop a sense of pride in, and identification, with our school.
- Provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- Maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
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2. GUIDELINES:

- 2.1 After consultation with the school community and the Junior School Council, our School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- 2.2 The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursion (unless stated otherwise).
- 2.3 Summer and Winter uniforms, are outlined on an attachment called School Uniform and they are required to be worn and should be named.
- 2.4 Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches, one bracelet and necklaces are the only acceptable jewellery at our school.
- 2.5 Extreme hair colors (eg green, pink or purple rinses) and / or extreme hairstyles (eg Mohawks) are not permitted. (unless stated otherwise).
- 2.6 Sunsmart wide brim hats consistent with our Sunsmart Policy must be worn outside in Terms 1 and 4.
- 2.7 Children must wear rashie or t-shirts when swimming outdoors.
- 2.8 The School Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the Parent Information Booklet and the Newsletter at the start of each year.
- 2.9 School Council requires the principal to be responsible for the implementation of the School Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- 2.10 Parents seeking exemptions to the School Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural backgrounds, students disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal.
- 2.11 The Principal, in consultation with Parents and Staff, may vary this policy if circumstances require it.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform for Katandra West Primary School is compulsory. The “Bell” Logo, while a preferred item for the school uniform, is not compulsory. All uniform items may be purchased or ordered at "The School Uniform Shop", Corio Street, Shepparton, as well as the “Bell Logo” which can be purchased and applied as a transfer or embroidered at this Shop to any navy garment for a small fee.

Girl's Summer Uniform

Blue and White checked gingham dress, buttoned front, OR navy polo shirt, plain navy shorts or skorts. Navy windcheater or polar fleece zip jacket or navy cardigan, school windcheater and navy or white socks.

Girl's Winter Uniform

Navy or white skivvy or polo shirt. Navy windcheater or polar fleece zip jacket or navy jumper or windcheater. Plain navy track pants or navy slacks. Navy or white socks.

Navy blue pleated pinafore (available at the Uniform Shop) and navy tights.

Boy's Summer Uniform

Navy polo shirt. Plain navy shorts. Navy windcheater or polar fleece jacket, navy cardigan or school windcheater and navy or white socks.

Boys Winter Uniform

Navy skivvy or navy polo shirt, plain navy blue pants or track pants. Navy windcheater or polar fleece jacket or navy windcheater or navy jumper. Navy or white socks.

Sports Uniform

School polo shirt, and navy shorts. Girls may wear netball nicks for athletic sports. Runners and navy or white socks.

Shoes

Shoes are an important safety item for children attending Primary School.

Boots, shoes or sneakers are acceptable footwear, and school sandals may be worn in the warmer months as long as they have an ankle strap and **safe, sensible heels**.

Please Note: Refer to Sunsmart Policy regarding hats.

