Colac South West Primary School 4775

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Colac South West Primary School is a Child Safe School

UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE POLICY

RATIONALE

Colac South West has a compulsory uniform policy. Our school community believes that the wearing of school uniform will encourage the students to strengthen the spirit of community within the school. Children will feel that they belong and are more likely to take pride in their appearance and in the school. Consistency with uniform is particularly desirable on school excursions.

AIMS

- For all students to feel equal.
- To develop a sense of identity and pride within our school and the wider community.
- To encourage students to develop pride and respect in their own appearance by presenting themselves in a neat and attractive manner.
- For all students to dress comfortably in all weather conditions
- To prevent bullying and competition on the basis of clothing.
- To enhance individual student safety and group security.
- To prepare students for secondary school.
- To allow for those students who may wish to observe particular religious and cultural requirements while also complying with the school dress code.

IMPLEMENTATION

- On enrolment parents are made aware of Colac South West Primary School's expectations of School Dress Code and alternatives for purchase.
- A current list of uniform items for sale is available at the office.
- All uniform items are available for purchase through the school and non-logo items available from local retail outlets.
- Support agencies will be utilised to assist families who may have difficulty meeting uniform costs.

EXEMPTIONS

Parents or carers of students who may wish to be exempt from the dress code should hold discussions with the Principal to ascertain how they might be accommodated within the dress code policy.

Grounds for exemption would occur when the dress code prevents a student from attending school or participating in activities on the same terms as other students because of personal characteristics referred to in Human Rights and Anti-discrimination Requirements.
Examples may include:

- Religious and cultural requirements.

- A particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code.
- Economic hardship.

Further grounds for exemption may be permitted at the Principal's discretion.

UNIFORM

RUGBY TOP	School design - navy/maroon/white - with logo
WINDCHEATER	Navy only – crew neck style
LONG PANTS	Navy cotton drill track pants
SHORTS/CULLOTTES	Navy loose style sport / running short (not short shorts)
DRESS	CSW summer dress
KILT	Pleated kilt in school colours. (Purchase from the school)
LEGGINGS	Navy and worn under shorts or skirts
TRACK SUIT	Navy fleecy or track pant style
POLAR FLEECE JACKET	Navy Zip style (Prep – Year 6) 'Senior School' jacket (Year 5 and 6 only)
SHIRTS	Polo - Light blue or Maroon, short or long sleeve
RAINCOAT/JACKET	Navy
HAT	Navy slouch hat or Navy Bucket Hat (Summer – Terms 1 & 4)
BEANIE (Optional)	Navy (Winter)
BAG (Optional)	Navy - School logo print
SHOES	Black (Preferred) – school shoe or sport shoe style.
SOCKS	Short - White, Navy or Black
HEADBANDS	Shoulder length (or longer) hair must be tied back with white, maroon navy, or light blue headbands, ribbons, ties or bows.

SPORTS WEAR: Football jumpers and socks, athletic colour jackets, basketball singlets and netball bibs are part of the school's equipment, and this will be supplied to students as required.

POINTS TO NOTE

- No nail polish or jewellery should be worn. Jewellery is not necessary and is often a danger particularly when participating in sport.
- Children with pierced ears are permitted to wear stud or small sleeper earrings.
- Any hair colouring must be restricted to natural colours.
- The wearing of thongs and open-toe sandals is not permitted. Rubber or plastic boots, if worn to school, should be replaced by shoes or slippers inside the building. In the carpeted rooms it is advisable for children to be equipped with slippers, as wet or muddy shoes may need to be removed before entering the rooms and library.
- All school clothing is to be clearly named and constantly checked to ensure that name tags are legible and intact.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with the school community will determine significant changes to this Dress Code Policy. Feedback will be sought from students, parents and staff via the newsletter, surveys public forums and classroom discussions.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in **May 2024** and will be reviewed in 2026.