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UNIFORM POLICY

School Uniform Policy

Rationale:

School Council has approved compulsory wearing of school uniform for all children attending Lilydale Primary School. A uniform reinforces in students a pride in their 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 this Uniform Policy.

The school believes the following are the benefits derived from the wearing of school uniform by all children.

- Families have the opportunity to purchase economical, durable, functional and practical clothing items
- Wearing a uniform improves school tone and atmosphere and helps develop a sense of pride and identification with the school.
- Compulsory uniforms assist to eliminate peer group pressure to wear less appropriate clothing, reduces competition amongst children and removes pressure on families to provide "fashionable" items for daily wear.
- Prepares children for the expectations and uniform policies of secondary schools to which Lilydale Primary School children will attend in future years.
- Promotes equality amongst all students.
- Assists with student identification and safety in public places.
- Maintains the high public and community regard for the school and its students.

Implementation:

- Summer and Winter uniforms as well as Sports Uniform will be prescribed and is required to be worn during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are representing the school during outside school hours occasions.
- Providing items are in a clean and good condition, uniform items bearing the school logo.
- All children representing the school for any event or activity may only do so when wearing full school uniform.

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- For safety reasons, jewellery, with the exception of watches and plain stud or small “sleeper” earrings, is not permitted.
- Obvious hair colouring and extreme or attention seeking hair styles are not permitted. For safety and health reasons it is recommended that children with shoulder length or longer hair, have it tied back.
- Other than clear nail polish, coloured nail polish and other cosmetics are not permitted.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. In line with this policy, during Terms 1 and 4, all children will be required to wear a school hat when outside. This includes lunch time, recess, and Physical Education classes and sports sessions. Head scarves are not permitted and hats are not to be worn inside
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items will be published in the school newsletter.
- All clothing must be of reasonable and clean condition. Torn or ripped clothing must be mended, patched or replaced as appropriate.
- Sports uniform* and runners are prescribed for participation in Physical Education or sporting activities.
- School Council authorises the Principal to be responsible for the implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Parents seeking an exemption to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health conditions or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal.

The Principal:

1. may prescribe alternative clothing to be worn for special occasions or camps and excursions
2. may excuse a student from wearing school uniform in exceptional circumstances
3. may assist students in financial need to acquire uniform items

School Hats

In line with our Sunsmart Policy, during Terms 1 and 4, all children will be required to wear a “sunsmart” school hat, legionnaire or broad brimmed style, navy with school logo when outside. This includes lunch time, recess, and Physical Education classes, sports sessions and other outside class activities. Beanies and hooded jackets are not permitted.

Extreme Weather

On very cold days, children may wear coats, hats or scarves or carry an umbrella to and from school, but such items are not part of the school uniform and are not to be worn or carried during school time. For safety reasons, scarves or umbrellas are not permitted to be worn or carried when outside at recess or lunch breaks.

Evaluation

The policy will be evaluated bi-annually or as required.

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