

STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

Rationale:

- A dress code which incorporates school uniform reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the Plenty Parklands Primary School community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, expense and choice are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the dress code. After consultation within the school community, the students and Junior School Council, School Council 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.

Aims:

- To promote equality and a fair go for all, amongst students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, identification with, and respect for 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.

Implementation:

- ***As the school colors are dark navy and red, no other colors are to be worn. Students must wear red or dark navy hair bands, ribbons, headscarves and scarves.***
- **The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, on school excursions, camp when appropriate and when students represent the school.**
- **Parents seeking exemptions to the dress code due to religious beliefs, family background, student disability or health condition must apply in writing to the Principal.**
- The student dress code, and details of uniform items, Uniform Shop hours and the uniform ordering process will be published in the newsletter and on our website at the start of each year. Uniform order forms will be available on the website and from the office.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the dress code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- School Council will operate a Uniform Shop on the school premises. Our uniform shop is located in the gym foyer. The shop is open on Mondays during assembly from 2.50pm to 3.30pm.
- Ordering is also available using the Qkr app, or by completing an order form and forwarding it together with payment to the school office. Orders will be filled and sent home with your child.
- Donations of quality second hand uniforms will be redistributed to families experiencing genuine economic hardship as identified by the welfare officers.
- If no reasonable second hand uniforms are available arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing genuine economic hardship. It is the Principal Class Officers' decision whether or not to approve this request.
- Due to health issues, we implement a NO HAT; NO PLAY rule - students without a hat stay in a specified shaded area.
- We encourage the daily application of sunscreen by parents before school and by students prior to lunchbreak. Unfortunately due to the risk of allergies, we cannot supply or apply sunscreen.
- We also encourage students to use available areas of shade for outdoor activities. We have enough sun shelter for all our students.

Dress Code

Compulsory

- School logos on short and long sleeved polos, sweaters and bomber jackets.
- Choice of plain dark navy long shorts, skorts, cargo, bootleg or trackpants or blue and white check school dress. No brand logos and no leggings unless worn under school dress,.

- Students in prep to year 4 are required to wear the official PPPS broad brimmed or legionnaire sunsmart hat whenever they are outside from the beginning of September to the end of April (i.e. recess, lunchbreak, physical education sessions, sport and excursions), or when designated by the Department of Education and Training.
- Years 5 and 6 students have the option of PPPS school bucket hat.
- Dark navy waterproof jacket for recess and lunchtime at school if required (uniform shop or commercial outlet). Students are encouraged to wear warm singlets under their uniform rather than non uniform jackets. No other colors to be worn during school hours unless on extreme cold weather days.

Footwear:

- School shoes, except for physical education, or sturdy outdoor sports shoes for general daywear.
- Slippers. Optional in winter for classroom only.
- No thongs, scuffs, inside sports shoes, high heels, beach sandals or flimsy sandals for safety reasons.

Sport/Phys.Ed. Uniform:

- School approved tops with PPPS logo.
- Trackpants, long shorts and skorts preferred. Dresses not recommended as they inhibit physical activity, especially while using physical education or playground equipment.
- Runners, Not boots or shoes for safety reasons.
- Special interschool sport uniforms provided for some sports.
- Sunsmart hats from September to April.
- Long hair tied back for safety reasons.
- No jewellery for safety reasons.
- Short nails and no nail polish.

Jewellery:

Loose or dangly pieces of jewellery are major safety issues when children play games at recess and participate in P.E. and sport. They are extremely dangerous when they catch.

- **Small gold, silver, red or blue stud or sleeper earrings acceptable, no other body piercings.**
- **Small chain with a religious icon can be worn under clothing so that it can't be caught on anything or seen.**
- **No bracelets or bangles, regardless of religious significance, because they can catch. The only exception is a medical bracelet, which is not classified as jewellery.**
- Firm fitting watch if desired or needed.

Hairstyles:

- Hair dyes or tips that are similar to natural colors only. No green, blue, pink, purple, orange, bright red, maroon, gold, silver etc,. Wash out spray colors are acceptable on free dress days.
- Hairstyles that are appropriate for primary school children. No mohawks or shaved hair patterns, etc,.
- Tie long hair back to minimise transfer of nits or lice and to keep hair out of eyes in order to maximise learning.
- Dark navy or red scrunchies, hair ribbons, hair baubles.
- Gels, wax, sprays not overdone.

Makeup:

- Clear lip products only.
- No false or acrylic nails.
- Clear nail polish only.
- No face or eye makeup.
- No visible body transfers or tattoos except following special events like Family Fun Night.

Optional Uniform:

- Dark navy warm winter jacket with logo, available at uniform shop.
- Dark navy beanie and scarf, available at uniform shop.

- Dark navy or red baseball cap, beanie and scarf between May and August. (no logos)
- Dark navy or red gloves. (no logos)
- Plain dark navy or red skivvies underneath uniform for warmth. (commercial outlet)
- Dark navy stockings or dark navy leggings with school dress only.
- PPPS schoolbag.
- Plain dark navy vests. (commercial outlet)
- Sunglasses that meet Australian standards.
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Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed to reflect new regulations and best practice.
- Approved by School Council October 2015