

### PURPOSE

To outline the expectation that Hamilton Parklands School have in regard to student attire while at school, and representing the school in public.

### SCOPE

This policy applies to all students at Hamilton Parklands School.

### POLICY

A uniform 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 Dress Code.

### IMPLEMENTATION

1. School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities.
2. The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions and sometimes on school camps or at work experience.
3. Uniforms will be prescribed and are required to be worn. Sports uniforms may also be prescribed.
4. Small stud earrings or sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches, are the only acceptable jewellery. This is an Occupational Health and Safety requirement.
5. Extreme hair colours (e.g.: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted. Hair accessories are to be school colours – navy blue or red.
6. Nail polish or make up may not be worn at school.
7. Any tattoos on students must be covered at all times.
8. The only headwear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside in Terms 1 & 4. Hats are not to be worn inside.
9. Students may wear a navy blue beanie (no logos) to and from school and outside during Terms 2 & 3. Hats are not to be worn inside.
10. Shoes must be black and can be black leather shoes (laces, velcro or buckles). Sneakers or pull on boots must also be black. No open-toed shoes or steel-capped boots are to be worn at school unless prior permission has been sought from the principal.
11. Socks are to be navy, black or white.

12. All students need to wear board shorts and a rash vest during swimming lessons. All swimmers must wear bathers underneath.
13. The current student Dress Code will be made available at the start of each year.
14. Details of uniform items and opportunities for purchase through our supplier will be made available throughout the year.
15. The Principal is responsible for implementation of the Dress Code. Consequences may include being unable to participate in out of school excursions or work experience. Students wearing unsuitable jewellery, nail polish or make up will be told to remove it.
16. Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
17. Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the School Council for consideration.

Students who are not in appropriate uniform will be unable to participate in out of school activities where uniform is expected to be worn.

## RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

*Child Safety Code of Conduct*

## REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last approved by school council on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and is scheduled for review in October 2022.