



UNIFORM POLICY

It is expected that students at Airdale Primary School in years R-7 will adhere to the dress code prescribed by the Governing Council.

A strong Dress Code has the following benefits:-

- Students are readily and easily identified as students of this school
- Student safety is enhanced
- It will foster greater pride within the school and community
- It will improve school image and school spirit
- It will develop higher self-esteem amongst students
- Although there will be initial costs, it is cheaper over the long term
- There is less peer pressure to compete in the “fashion stakes”
- It supports transition to Secondary School where Dress Code is already in place

As a result of increasing pride and self-esteem, improvements are also noticed in:-

- Student achievement
- Discipline (particularly self discipline)

Support Structures

- Governing Council and staff will support all students in the wearing of Airdale Dress Code, and as such have the following systems in place:-
- Bulk buying/ordering of clothing by the school
- Second hand clothing service and buy back option
- Financial assistance in the form of lay-by or subsidy
- A loan of dress code clothing for purposes such as excursions or as determined by the Principal or Governing Council

Encouragement and Incentives

- Uniform Proud Crowd announced at Assembly (highest % of class in uniform on a spot check day)
- Class incentives – stamps/stickers/notes in diary

Exemptions

- It is a requirement that all students adhere to the School Uniform Policy at all times
- The Principal may, however, exempt students from the School Uniform Policy upon written request from their parents or care-givers
- Grounds on which exemption may be sought include religious, cultural or ethnic, new students (time to purchase, wear previous school uniform), itinerant students, financial hardship, genuine medical or family sickness reasons or any additional grounds that Governing Council may determine
- If a student is unable to comply with the Dress Code Policy for a short period of time due to circumstances beyond their control, the school will require parents/caregiver to write a note of explanation to the class teacher or contact the school directly

Dress Code

- Shirt - Purple and white polo shirt (long or short sleeved)
- Skivvy - A black or white skivvy may be worn under an approved school top
- Hooded Jacket/Windcheater – purple with Airdale Logo
- Shorts - Black
- Long pants - Black (eg. trousers, jeans, tracksuit pants)
- Shoes - Covered shoes/sneakers or sandals with back strap (college sandals recommended) for safety reasons. Other footwear is not acceptable.
- Year 7 students will be encouraged to buy the unique Year 7 top.

