



## 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
- 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
- Purple Hooded Jacket
- 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

### **UNACCEPTABLE CLOTHING STYLES**

- The following clothing is unacceptable to wear at school:
- // Tank Tops // High Heels
- // Ugg Boots // Thongs or slip on footwear
- // Clogs, Slides, Wedges // Large Print Name Brands

### **COSMETICS AND JEWELLERY**

- Cosmetics may not be worn by students at school
- Body piercings, large ear-rings and chains are not to be worn (sleepers and studs may be worn in ears)
- Acceptable jewellery includes watch, 1 flat ring, Medic-Alert bracelet/chain, 1 small neck chain (concealed by clothing)

### **CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE**

For students who show wilful and persistent breaches of the uniform code, the following strategies will apply:

- Speak to the student to encourage him/her to observe the school uniform.
- A second reminder will be given to the student to encourage him/her to observe the school dress code policy.
- Parents will be informed of the concerns
- Verbal warning to student, negotiation with student's parents
- Detention or time out (eg. miss out on Special Play)
- Continued non-compliance may result in DfE Suspension/Exclusion policy being applied

### **HAT POLICY**

- The Governing Council has agreed to support the health and safety of students by supplying a free broad brim school hat to each child for use at school
- Hats will be issued to students on commencement of their schooling, but these remain the property of the school
- Hats are to remain at school at the end of the day
- Hats are to be worn all year and used for all outside activities including all breaks, excursions, and physical education lessons
- Hats must be worn in the correct way
- If a child damages or loses their hat, parents will be asked to buy either a second hand hat (\$5) or a new hat (\$10)
- Children who do not wear their hat will be sent to the shaded area alongside the double storey building
- Hats are to be washed once a term or as a minimum once a year by a staff member. Whilst research has shown that there is little evidence that head lice are able to live on hats, should an infestation occur in a classroom, hats will be sprayed and/or exposed to sunlight