

## Swallowcliffe P-6

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# SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY

#### **OVERVIEW**

The School Dress Code Policy is to create a sense of ownership and community for all students. It will instil in all students a sense of pride and a positive image of the school.

It represents a commitment to our school agreements Be Safe, Be Kind, Work Hard which underpin teaching and learning at Swallowcliffe School.

Wearing the school uniform will;

- Reduce peer pressure alleviating issues of competition
- Alleviate purchasing of expensive brand and name clothing
- Identify students when on excursions ensuring safety

#### **AIMS OF POLICY**

- Students develop a sense of identity and feel safe at our site
- We value students and their families and acknowledge different nationalities
- Being aware and sensitive to families in financially disadvantaged situations
- Our policy is flexible and based around the school colours and comfort of students

#### SWALLOWCLIFFE SCHOOL DRESS CODE

- The school dress code colours are black, maroon and yellow (straight colours only, no patterning)
- Black (only) trackpants, trousers, shorts, skirts or skorts
- Maroon or yellow t-shirts (Black Year 6 tops)
- Maroon or black wide brimmed hats (or bucket hats for years 3-6) must be worn at play times and outdoor activities. (in accordance with the sunsmart policy). All straps to be removed.
- No brand names or logos
- Appropriate footwear is preferred. Enclosed lace up shoes for daily outdoor activities eg sneakers.
   No thongs except on medical grounds with written permission from a doctor.
- For the safety of students sleepers and/or studs are only to be worn in ears
- For the safety of students, no fake nails are to be worn

#### The dress code DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Denim (including jeans)
- Short shorts or short skirts (needs to be mid-thigh)
- Brand names or logos
- Snap pants
- Hoodies
- Sleeveless tops and singlet tops (in accordance with the sunsmart policy)
- Caps

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#### **SCHOOL DRESS COMPLIANCE**

When children arrive for school in clothing that does not comply with the School Dress Code:

- 1. The class teacher will contact families via school diary or communication book and ask for reason and reinforce school dress code.
- 2. Student will be offered a spare school top that they will be expected to wear for the remainder of that day and take off before being dismissed in the afternoon.

#### **CASUAL DAYS**

Casual Day Community Fundraisers may be held each term. Casual clothing is expected to be in accordance with the SunSmart requirements, and must not have inappropriate wording or images.

### **EXCURSIONS/ SPORT ACTIVITIES**

Students representing our school are expected to wear appropriate school clothing. Students arriving at school without the approved uniform will be expected to wear items of clean clothing provided by the school or remain at the school.

#### **PURCHASING SCHOOL DRESS**

School dress code items may be purchased through the front office at a reasonable price. Please see the front office for a copy of our uniform price list/order form.

Parents/caregivers may choose to purchase generic brand t-shirts.

#### **SENIOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS**

Each year the senior students have the opportunity to purchase Year 6 t-shirts which are personalised and list all the name of graduating students in that year. The year 6 teachers and Principal will negotiate with students on the annual design which will adhere to our school dress code and colours.

### **RESPONSIBILITY**

<u>Families</u>: families can access this policy at the school front office or school website. It will be included in the enrolment pack. Parents will be expected to supply their child with the appropriate clothing, hat and footwear. Issues of financial hardship may be discussed with the Principal and School Finance Officer. School card can be used for purchase of school uniform.

Governing Council: Supports and endorses this policy

<u>Staff:</u> will support this dress code and take appropriate action in relation to any wilful and persistent breach of the dress code. Classroom teachers will contact parents/caregivers by phone, letter or diary

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note, and keep a record of the communication and action. Classroom teachers will follow up with the school Principal.

#### **REVIEW**

This policy has been endorsed by the Governing Council.

This policy will be reviewed and updated as required ie due to new information.

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