Rationale:
We care about the students and how they are perceived by the community, prospective employers and each other. It is our belief that individual students gain greater self-confidence when wearing a formal school uniform. We also believe that student academic and social growth is fostered by the implementation of a school uniform policy. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Uniform Policy.

Goals:
The purposes of this policy are:

- promoting a sense of school identity and pride whilst developing cohesion and good order in the school
- allowing all students to feel equal
- preventing bullying and competition on the basis of clothing
- ensuring students' appearance reflects the expectations of their school community
- enhancing the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community
- strengthening the spirit of community within the school
- enhancing individual student safety and group security
- ensuring all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- encouraging students to develop pride in their appearance
- preparing students for the expectations of workplaces
- encouraging students to present themselves appropriately for a particular role.

Guidelines:
- Full school uniform must be worn during school hours, while travelling to and from school, for all excursions and activities. Camps and some excursions will require an exemption from these guidelines because of practical issues. Students are required to be in full school uniform for all school activities unless an exemption has been granted by the Principal.

Hats
- Wide brimmed or bucket style navy blue hat with a brim of at least 7cm compulsory for Prep to 6 and Specialist in Terms 1 and 4 whenever students are outside in line with our Sunsmart Policy.
- Hat is not compulsory for students in year 7-12, however students are encouraged to seek shade in line with our Sunsmart Policy.
- An MEC branded navy beanie is available for all students
• Hats should not be worn inside any buildings.

Sports uniforms
• **Secondary:** Physical Education and Sport Uniform to be brought to school and worn during Physical Education classes only. The Sport Uniform is not to be worn to and from school.
• **Primary and Specialist:** Students are permitted to wear sport uniform to and from school on the day of Physical Education classes.

Jewellery and Piercings
• Stud earrings and sleepers only to be worn in the ears. Ear-rings that 'dangle' or hang from the ear may not be worn at any time.
• A simple thin necklace, chain, bracelet or a standard watch are acceptable.
• No facial piercings are acceptable, except a small discrete nose stud.
• Piercings on any other visible parts of the body must not be worn at any time.
• Permitted jewellery may be required to be removed for sport or physical education lessons, or whilst the student is involved in practical classes.
• Where jewellery linked to body piercing constitutes an OHS issue in the school environment, to the individual, or to others, it must be removed.

Shoes
• Plain black leather enclosed toe and heel shoes must be worn. The maximum heel height for all footwear is 3 cm. Black leather shoes provide a greater level of durability and protection for student's feet.

Hair
• Hair must be tied back for safety when required.
• Extreme hair colours and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
• Hair ribbons and accessories are to be in the school colours.

Nail polish
• Clear or pale, neutral-coloured nail polish only may be worn.

Tattoos
• Tattoos (including temporary transfers) are to remain covered at all times when in school uniform.

Underclothing
• School pants and shirts should be worn appropriately so that all under garments remain covered.
• Non uniform coloured or monogramed T-shirts, singlets or skivvies are not permitted to be visible under shirts at any time.

Exceptions
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability or health condition must apply in writing to the Principal for consideration.

State School Relief Assistance
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship. Please contact the school for support to purchase uniform items.

Process for non-compliance
- The school will make available a small amount of second hand uniform for students who come to school out of uniform
  - Staff who observe students not following the correct uniform requirements should endeavour to rectify the situation immediately
  - Students who are out of uniform will be asked to remove inappropriate items
  - Where a student cannot remove an item or need an alternative item they will be referred to the Uniform Bank and where possible supplied with substitute items
  - Where a student is required to borrow items from the school, the non uniform item will be retained at the Uniform Bank and collected upon return of the borrowed item at the end of the school day
  - Where a student refuses to comply with the Uniform Policy – the parents will be contacted and requested to supply uniform or collect their child from school until the issue is resolved with the appropriate Assistant Principal or Sub School Leader
  - Parents/Guardians will be notified of their child’s consistent breach of the uniform policy, and will be given the opportunity to rectify the situation
  - Continual referrals to the Uniform Bank will result in parent notification consequences in line with the school’s Engagement and Wellbeing Policy.
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**Sport Uniform**
Approved navy top and navy sports shorts
Sports uniform is optional for students in Years Prep – 6

The uniform is set out below

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's 3 year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on Wednesday 28th March 2018

Signed:

Paul Rumpff
School Council President
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