

# **GUTHRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **UNIFORM POLICY**

### **RATIONALE**

School Council has determined that the wearing of a school uniform at Guthridge Primary School be compulsory for all students.

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 the school. Issues of equality, health and safety and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

### **POLICY OBJECTIVES**

- To create a sense of collective and individual pride in students and their identification with the school.
- To provide durable and sun-safe clothing that is cost-effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
- With respect to the wearing of jewellery, to ensure that items that compromise the safety of students are excluded.

### **GUIDELINES**

- After consultation with the school community, School Council determined a Dress Code that it believes provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many, varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of family.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours and when students are on school excursion.
- The school community will continue to be consulted and to have input into the dress code policy and subsequent changes.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- A list of school uniform requirements will be drawn up and made available to all families.
- Students will be required to wear a school hat every day during Terms 1 and 4. Students without hats will be required to play in the shade and will not be permitted to play sport or be involved in outdoor activities at these times. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Teachers will be encouraged to wear hats on duty to set an example.
- Protective winter clothing such as coats, scarves and beanies should not be worn inside.
- Production windcheaters are an approved uniform item except when students are on excursions or representing the school at outside events.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- Staff will positively encourage the correct wearing of uniform.
- Parents will be made aware of the dress code policy on enrolment and will be asked to clearly label all uniform.
- Students out of uniform require a note from parents/guardians, explaining the circumstances.
- Notes will go home or a telephone call will be made to parents/guardians whose charges are out of uniform without explanation. Continued failure to comply with the dress code will result in withdrawal of privileges, or other sanctions as determined by the Principal.

### **PURCHASING**

- Uniform can be purchased from the school on Mondays after assembly and on Wednesdays (8:45 to 9:15)

### **REVIEW / EVALUATION**

- The policy will be open to ongoing change to meet the needs and wishes of the majority of parents.