PARK RIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL
UNIFORM
POLICY

**Philosophy**

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 their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the dress code.

After consultation with the school community, staff and the Junior School Council, School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.

**Guidelines**

1. Wearing of the school uniform is compulsory.
2. Uniform must be worn during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions, unless alternative dress has been approved by the Principal.
3. The School will provide a uniform which is practical, of good quality and available from the school at a reasonable price.
4. The Principal will source a high quality garment supplier and obtain School Council approval.
5. Should a student be out of uniform a note from parents is required.
6. Students who are not in correct school uniform will be given a verbal warning. If a second breach of the rule occurs during the term a letter will be sent home to parents to inform them of the offence. A third breach of the rule will require a parent meeting where strategies will be discussed to rectify the problem.
7. Free Dress Days will be allowed at the discretion of the Principal.
8. The school will endeavour to provide good quality second-hand items.
9. Uniform should be clearly labelled with the student’s name.
10. No substitutes should be made for items displaying the School logo.
11. Specially printed tops, jackets and hats are available each year to be worn by Year 6 students only.
12. Watches, stud earrings and sleepers are the only acceptable jewellery.
13. Hair accessories should be either yellow or navy blue
14. Make-up and nail polish may not be worn.
15. The only headwear that is acceptable is school logo hat only which is consistent with our Sunsmart policy and headwear of a religious significance. School hats must be worn in Terms 1&4. Hats are not to be worn inside.
16. The student dress code, including details of uniform items and place of purchase will be published in the newsletter and on the school website at the start of each year.
17. A school bag with logo is available from the uniform shop and is encouraged to be used by all students
18. Uniform pricing is the responsibility of the Principal in consultation with the School Council.
19. Arrangements can be made for funding via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
20. Parents seeking exemptions to the dress code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal.
21. This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in October 2015