



SCHOOL UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE:

Context:

The purpose of the school uniform is to create a sense of community that engenders the feeling of belonging in all individuals.

The uniform represents a commitment to our values (Respect and Responsibility, Care and Compassion, Honesty and Trustworthiness) which underpin the teaching and learning at Hillcrest. Our aim is to have a learning environment that is supportive, positive, non-discriminatory, equitable and safe.

The wearing of the school uniform proudly identifies our students at all times and can assist teachers with duty of care in the school yard and on excursions. It also avoids the issues of competition and purchasing expensive clothing, providing functional and cost effective clothing for children.

Any changes to the school uniform will involve consultation with the wider school community including consultation with students. The final authority for any changes to the School Dress Code rests with the Governing Council.

Awareness of, and sensitivity to students in financially disadvantaged situations has been taken into consideration in relation to the School Dress Code. Our uniform offers affordable clothing for all students. It is flexible, based around the school's colours of light blue and navy.

Hillcrest School Dress Code:

Clothing

The colours of the uniform are navy blue and light blue. The uniform consists of:

- Navy blue bottoms (shorts, track pants, long pants, leggings, cargo style pants, skirts, skirts)
- Light blue polo t-shirts (short & long sleeved)
- Year 6 students have the option of purchasing a specially printed navy blue polo top
- Navy blue polo jumper
- Navy blue zip front jacket with pockets.

There is to be no visible labelling except for the school logo on any part of the uniform.

Our Front Office stocks a wide range of uniforms for sale at cost price. Hats are available for purchase at any time from the front office. Larger uniform items are available by appointment by contacting the Front Officer Administration officer.

Jewellery

Discreet jewellery only for Health & Safety reasons – this includes a wrist watch and small religious or cultural items. Fashion type jewellery is not permitted. No visible piercing other than earlobes, studs or sleeper earrings only unless for religious or cultural reasons.

Footwear

Sensible, comfortable footwear is to be worn at all times. No thongs.
Plain black, blue or white socks or stockings (including sports socks).



Makeup

Make up and brightly coloured nail polish are not considered appropriate for primary age children at school.

Hats

We have an all-year hat policy. Hats should be navy blue and must be a legionnaire's, wide brim (with no or quick release drawstring) or bucket design as they offer the best protection. Students without a hat will be required to remain in the shaded verandah area outside STEM.

Casual Days, Camps and Sports Days

On casual days, camps and sports days, sun safe and jewellery dress code applies. No singlet tops are allowed. Appropriate footwear is to be worn.

Responsibility

Governing Council: Governing Council supports the policy and is responsible for the supply and promotion of the School Dress Code.

Parents: All parents will receive a copy of this policy and it will be included in the enrolment package. Parents will be expected to supply a suitable hat and clothing for the child's use in school activities. Issues of financial hardship can be discussed with the principal. Parents will be notified either by phone, letter or communication app if their child is not wearing appropriate clothing. Parents are expected to notify the school either personally or in writing if their child is unable to wear the correct uniform.

Exemption

DfE policy states that principals may exempt students from the Dress Code Policy upon written request from the parents, on the following grounds:

- Religious
- Cultural or ethnic
- New student (time to purchase)
- Itinerant students
- Financial hardship

When there is a genuine medical or family reason for not wearing uniform, the school should be informed in writing.

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