

NEWHAVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

DRESS CODE POLICY

Rationale:

A uniform dress code promotes a sense of belonging in our students. It assists in developing pride in representing their school and addresses issues of equality, health and safety, and expense. However, we believe in valuing all students as individuals and responding to them as such. A dress code is not an attempt to stifle the expression of their individuality.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable and appropriate clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation:

- After consultation with the school community 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 the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions except for designated days approved by School Council or the Principal. Uniforms will not generally be prescribed for school camps. Exceptions may occur.
- The uniform will be prescribed and is required to be worn. Items include approved hats, windcheater or bomber jacket, polo shirt, t-shirt, pinafore, dress, shorts, tracksuit pants or trousers. Footwear must have closed toes and flat soles. The school uniform colours are navy blue and gold.
- For safety, students with pierced ears are encouraged to wear stud earrings or sleepers only. We recommend students not wear valuable jewellery as we cannot accept responsibility for its safe keeping.
- Approved hats, consistent with our SunSmart policy, must be worn outside from **mid-August to end of April** Hats are not to be worn inside.
- School Council will operate a uniform shop and a “Buy Back” scheme for good quality second hand uniforms. Parents may purchase uniform items from the supplier of their choice provided they are consistent with the school colours and style. Logos, other than the school logo, will not be acceptable.
- A store of second-hand uniforms will be available for the use of students not in uniform and without an approved exemption. Parents are responsible for laundering such items after use and returning them to school promptly.
- The student Dress Code will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Parents seeking permanent or short-term exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability or health conditions must consult with the Principal. Support will be provided for families experiencing economic hardship.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by Council on 24th
May 2022