Rationale:

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 School Uniform Policy/Dress Code.

Aims:

• To promote equality amongst all students.
• To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
• To provide durable 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 Student Representative Council, the School has developed a School Uniform Policy/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 School Uniform Policy/Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
• Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
• Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
• School approved sun hats available from the School Uniform Shop must be worn at all times. Hats are not to be worn inside.
• The student School Uniform Policy/Dress Code, including details of the operating times of the School Uniform Shop (front office) and price list, will be published in the school newsletter.
• The Principal, and teaching staff, will be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the DEC Student Uniforms Policy.
• Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
• Parents seeking exemptions to the Student Uniform Policy/Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal for consideration.
  * certain religious items are acceptable
  * size re earrings re safety

Evaluation:

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

This policy was last approved by the School Community in.... September 2012