



Uniform and Dress Code Policy

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Rationale:

The purpose of a school uniform and dress code is to:

- Promote a sense of belonging, unity, community and pride within the student community
- Encourage appropriate, functional and comfortable clothing for school activities
- Ensure health and safety issues are appropriately managed
- Be smart and distinctive, enhancing the school's image within the wider community
- Establish equality among students, and reduce peer pressure

Aim:

The purpose of this Policy is to:

- Communicate expectations to students, teachers and parents/carers
- Establish a process by which non-compliance will be managed
- Consider and balance issues of health, safety, equity and expense

Implementation:

Uniform

The key elements of the school uniform are:

- Non-branded dark navy pants, shorts, skirts, skorts
- RPPS Polo – Short Sleeve
- RPPS Polo – Long Sleeve
- RPPS Summer Dress
- RPPS Fleece Vest
- RPPS Fleece Jacket
- RPPS Boss Top/quarter zip jumper
- RPPS Bucket Hat – navy reversible with sports team colour
- RPPS Beanie
- RPPS School Bag (option for own school bag)
- RPPS Year 6 Jacket – a commemorative jacket/jumper is available for Year 6

The following is NOT permitted:

- Brand names on clothing – this includes sports clubs (SAPSASA - with Principal's permission)
- Tops with hoods
- Leggings/tights worn as pants (can be worn under dress, skirt, shorts, skorts)
- Denim / jeans
- Thongs, crocs and slip-on/slipper shoes without fastened straps are considered unsafe

Presentation

Jewellery and Makeup

- Makeup is not allowed
- Nail polish is discouraged
- Jewellery can be a health and safety risk, and is not permitted, other than small sleeper/stud earrings, or medically required identification
- Smart watches with internet access are to be handed to the class teacher for the school day

Hair

- Hair should be neat
- It is preferable for longer hair to be tied back (blue ribbon) to minimise transmission of head lice and risk of hair getting caught during sports or activities

Accessories

Shoes and Socks

- Footwear should be functional for an active student – closed comfortable shoes are preferred
- Footwear that is black, navy, white or blue is preferred
- Sandals may be worn in summer with a secure back strap
- Footwear should be 'plain' in style i.e. no lights, no wheels, no slip on/slipper shoes
- It is preferable that socks are white, navy or black – no logo or sport teams

Bags

- RPPS School Bag is preferred
- Blue Reader Bag/Library/Folio Bag - Reception to Year 3

Sports

- RPPS House Colour T-Shirts – worn for Sports Day, Swimming Carnival or other 'whole school' activities, are sold by the school annually via Qkr
- School sports require the nominated uniform – please contact After School Sports Coordinator

Non-Compliance/Exemptions:

It is expected that all students will comply with the Uniform and Dress Code Policy. The Principal may exempt students from wearing the school uniform upon written request from a parent/carer based on cultural, medical or religious grounds. Students can wear casual sun-safe clothes for special events.

Students will be reminded to wear the school uniform and encouraged to follow sun protection guidelines by wearing hats outdoors to protect their face, neck and ears e.g. school hat in terms 1, 3 and 4 and whenever ultra violet (UV) radiation levels reach 3 or above.

Non-compliance will be communicated directly to parents/carers with any ongoing concerns managed by the Principal.

Lost Uniform Items:

Lost property will be returned to classrooms if clearly named – please ensure all I items are clearly labelled.

Unlabelled clothing / personal items will be located in the Lost Property area – Transportable decking. These items will be sold by members of Parents and Friends Committee at the end of each term.