

UNIFORM

POLICY

Rationale:

At Richmond PS there is a compulsory school uniform. A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instills 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.

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, 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.
- Summer and winter uniforms are required to be worn.
- The only head wear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside from 1 October until 30 April. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and times of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- The school uniform features the school's colours of red and navy blue. All items worn are to be in accordance with approved uniform shop styles. For example, regulation shirts, shorts, dresses, and hats. T-shirts are permitted to be worn underneath shirts / dresses on cold days providing they are in the school colour of red. Leggings, tights and bike shorts must also conform with the colour navy blue. Socks are to be navy blue or white. Other items such as caps and hoodies are not permitted.
- Year 6 students will have the option of wearing a special Year 6 windcheater / rugby top with school insignia.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- If a student is out of uniform a reminder from the classroom teacher will be given. If the out of uniform behavior continues the class teacher will contact the parents to discuss the issue.

- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code must apply in writing to the Principal.
- The Principal will maintain a fund to assist families who cannot afford the uniform. Money will be collected through sponsorship.
- Shoes: black school shoes or runners only. (In summer closed toed sandals may be worn. NO open-toed shoes, thongs, slippers, crocs to be worn).

Evaluation:

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

Uniform Purchases

- Parents can purchase directly from PSW's Kew store (12 Strathalbyn St East Kew 3102) which is open Monday to Friday 8.30 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. -Saturdays 9.00-5.00 and Sunday during January. Students can try uniforms on for size, and returns can be handled on the spot. Richmond Primary School has a designated area set aside for it in the store.
- On-line orders can be made through PSW's web-site www.psw.com.au. Orders can be delivered directly to the students home address, or in special circumstances to the school..
- Cotton only items can be ordered on-line directly through our current "cotton -only" supplier. JJ Designs www.jjdesigns.com.au
- Second hand items and hats will be available from school. The second hand uniform service is held at 3.15pm every Thursday afternoon. The second hand shop will run out of the small store room opposite the entrance to Area One.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in October 2012