

# UNIFORM

## POLICY

### **Rationale:**

- To provide a uniform dress code to reinforce in students a pride in their appearance, instil recognition of themselves as part of the school and the community and to develop an ongoing connectedness to the school culture.
- To encourage in students a sense of acknowledgment and pride in representing their school.
- To expect that children wear a sun smart hat which protects the face, neck and ears whenever they are outside during Term 1 and Term 4. e.g. recess, lunch, before school, after school care, sport, excursions etc. (refer to our Sunsmart policy).

### **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.
- To ensure the safety of staff and students in school and all school activities.
- To protect their faces, necks and ears from the sun while at school.

### **Implementation:**

- Wearing of the school uniform as laid out below is compulsory for all students during school hours, while travelling to and from school and on school excursions of representing the school, e.g. school photos, ANZAC Day Service etc.
- Students who are out of uniform are required to have a note signed by a parent or guardian. In the event of the student not having a note, a note will be sent home. After two notes being sent home from the school the Principal or delegate will contact the parent/guardian for discussion.
- Parents will be reminded of this through the student permission form and the newsletter.
- The uniform consists of a navy pant, shorts or skorts. A navy and gold top or jacket and a royal blue polo shirt and a navy sun smart bucket hat.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn only in the ears. No dangling earrings or other facial jewellery is acceptable due to health and safety aspects.
- Watches, earrings, bracelets and necklaces are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Any jewellery must be removed on request for any type of physical or contact sporting activities.
- Staff have the ability to request students remove facial jewellery for safety reasons.
- Long hair must be tied back (refer to head lice policy).
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- Hats that are consistent with Huntly Primary Schools Sunsmart Policy must be worn outside in Term 1 and Term 4. A navy school beanie is permitted. Baseball caps are not acceptable head wear at Huntly Primary School.
- Hats and beanies are not to be worn inside.
- Details of uniform items and how to purchase will be published in the newsletter at the start of each term.
- On out of uniform / casual dress days, clothing must comply with our Sunsmart policy. Unsuitable clothing, as determined by Principal or classroom teacher for these days includes:
  - Tops with unacceptable slogans or illustrations, without sleeves, bare midriffs or plunging necklines on boys or girls.
  - Pants that are worn below the hips.

Micro mini shorts and skirts

Sandals, platform/high heel shoes, thongs and shoes without backs.

- Anyone wearing unacceptable clothes will be sent to the Principal. Parents will be contacted and asked to bring suitable clothing to the school or to collect the child.
- 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 exemptions to the 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.

**Evaluation:**

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

This policy was last ratified by Huntly Primary School Council in....

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