POLICY: STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

PURPOSE:
To promote a sense of individual and collective pride in students and promote their identification within the school.

AIMS:

- To promote equality amongst all students
- To develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school
- To use as a strategy for individual and group security
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community
- To recommend clothing that is durable, cost effective and practical

IMPLEMENTATION:

- The Student Dress Code will be distributed to families at the beginning of the year as part of the Student Code of Conduct document. Prospective students and parents/guardians will be notified of the dress code requirements prior to enrolment.
- Students are to present themselves in accordance with the Dress Code.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are engaged in school activities out of school hours, when required.
- An application for an exemption to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship is to be submitted in writing to the Principal.
- The Principal will decide whether or not to grant financial or other assistance, for example, State School's Relief or second hand uniform items to the parent or guardian to enable the student to comply with the Dress Code.
- Arrangements can be made to supply Dress Code items via the State School's Relief Committee for families experiencing economic hardship.
- Second hand uniforms can be purchased from the school.
- The enforcement of the Dress Code will include, either written or verbal notification to the parent/guardian that their child has failed to comply.
- The community will be consulted regarding amendments to the Dress Code and a timeline regarding the amended Dress Code will be implemented, acknowledging any financial costs.
- The School Council must comply with the written contracts it undertakes with the clothing supplier. A tender process will be used to select a supplier.
- Out of uniform days may be granted at the discretion of the Principal.

REVIEW:
This policy will be reviewed as necessary.

APPROVED BY SCHOOL COUNCIL: 25/04/2014