

HACKHAM EAST SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY

Hackham East Schools Council, in consultation with parents and students, has implemented a dress code for all students R-7. It is part of the pride of our school promoting high standards of appearance and safety, including identification to address stranger danger.

Staff and Governing Council appreciate the support of parents in ensuring that students comply with the dress code, which is in line with DECD Policy. It acknowledges the right of parents to choose the style of clothing they wish their children to wear providing it complies with the school colours and dress code.

PURPOSE

To maintain a dress code policy in which students, staff and parents -

- share in the implementation and management.
- maintain a high standard of appearance and neatness.
- provide economical, safe, hygienic and serviceable clothing.
- provide identification with the school and a positive school image.

GUIDELINES : To achieve these purposes the following considerations apply:

PRACTICALITY	- temperature, serviceability and availability
SAFETY	- footwear and clothing suitable to weather and class activities
ECONOMY	- reduced peer pressure by eliminating expensive casual wear
SUN POLICY	- consideration of the sun protection policy and suitable hats.

DRESS CODE

The dress code consists of:

- either plain Maroon or Maroon with Gold top
- Black pants or skirts
- Maroon check dress
- Maroon broad brimmed or legionnaire hat between September 1 – April 30 or beanie at other times
- A parka in plain maroon is optional.

UNACCEPTABLE CLOTHING

Clothing and accessories that fall outside of the code and are *unacceptable* are those that do not enhance economy, safety (including ease of identification), hygiene and a positive school image. These include items such as thongs, slip on shoes, high heels, tank tops, bare midriffs and shoulders, t-shirts with messages or large colourful tags or *brand names*, or baseball caps.

JEWELLERY

- *the only acceptable jewellery is that which does not cause a safety issue*. For example, neck chains worn under clothing and studs or sleepers without pendants are acceptable.
- the school *will not* take responsibility for loss or damage of jewellery
- during activities such as sport, jewellery *may need* to be removed for safety reasons.

COSMETICS

- are **discouraged** for reasons of hygiene, social image and potential to cause harassment.

HAIR

- to discourage hair lice infestation, it is recommended that hair be tied back where possible.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NOT WEARING DRESS CODE

Any child out of dress code will be dressed in secondhand dress code clothing and a note sent to parents/caregivers. Notes sent home to parents need to be returned and signed by a parent/caregivers. Lent clothing will be washed and returned to school.

- Notes found in [Curriculum/Policies/Dress Code/Reminder](#)
 - Children who refuse to change will be excluded from play in the yard.
- After 3 letters home, the Principal or delegate will contact parents.
- Unless an excursion requires specific clothing, students not wearing dress code will not be permitted to attend.

New students to the school will have 4 weeks to obtain acceptable clothing.

SUN PROTECTION POLICY

Children will wear colour-coded, broad-brimmed or legionnaire hats for all outside activities and break times from 1 September – 30 April and at any other time when the UV level is 3 or above, or if outside for longer than an hour, including excursions, sports practice, bonus play and crossing duty. No hat – no outside activities during these times.

EXEMPTION

Exemption may be negotiated with the Principal or delegate based on the following grounds; social justice issues, religion, cultural or ethical beliefs, new student (first 4 weeks) or emergency.

MONITORING

This policy is to be reviewed in the first term of each year and will be monitored by staff during morning roll call.

STAFF

Staff are requested to model the safety aspects of dress code (apart from colour) where possible. OHSW guidelines for staff attire will be adhered to.

AVAILABILITY

Our dress code shop offers a large range of both second hand and new clothing. Clothing in the school colours may also be purchased from department stores. Parents are encouraged to return reasonable quality items for re-sale. It is recommended that a fair price be asked for garments. Layby and uniform exchange service are available.

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