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# STAFF DRESS CODE POLICY

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## **Rationale:**

A staff dress code establishes a sense of professionalism and pride, identifies staff as key people within the school community, and portrays a united staff team. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that need consideration when establishing a staff dress code.

## **Aims:**

- To establish a practical and professional dress code supported by staff.

## **Implementation:**

- In support of the professionalism of our staff, we have chosen to implement a staff dress code.
- The dress code, whilst not a prescriptive uniform, outlines minimum dress expectations and requirements.
- The staff dress code expectations are:
  1. That staff wear clothing commensurate to a professional work environment.
  2. That clothing be in good condition (not ripped, dirty etc). Singlets, tank-tops etc. are not to be worn.
  3. That tracksuits should only be worn on days when sporting activities are undertaken by the staff member, or at school camps or similar.
  4. That footwear must be suitable for the tasks being undertaken by the staff member. School Council considers closed toed shoes to be appropriate (for Health & Safety reasons) and considers footwear such as thongs as both dangerous and professionally inappropriate.
  5. That staff wear broad-brimmed hats during Sunsmart periods whilst outside.
  6. Staff wear clothing that is tasteful and not 'revealing' or foreseeably offensive to others.
  7. Clothing is not to display inappropriate logos, promote inappropriate products, or contain inappropriate language or messages.

Issues relating to the staff dress code minimum expectations will be managed by the principal.

- In addition to the minimum dress code, staff have agreed upon a non-compulsory staff uniform that consists of both corporate wear, or a school polo shirt and jacket.
- The non-compulsory staff uniform has been developed and organised by a staff uniform coordinator and a team of interested staff members, in consultation with all staff.
- Staff uniform items will carry an embroidered school name.

<p>The following items are considered as professional dress at our school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neat &amp; professional</li><li>• Knee length skirts and dresses.</li><li>• Hip-pocket polo tops, shirts and jackets.</li><li>• Collared shirts or polo shirts.</li><li>• Shorts and skirts at knee length.</li><li>• Appropriate footwear.</li><li>• Slacks</li><li>• Shirts</li><li>• Conservative jewellery</li><li>• Clothing appropriate to task i.e. tracksuit for PE sessions.</li><li>• Admin staff to always have a corporate/professional look.</li></ul>	<p>The following items are not considered as fitting the professional dress expectations at our school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shoe string singlet tops</li><li>• Strapless tops / dresses / revealed shoulders / transparent clothing</li><li>• Low cut tops</li><li>• Leggings worn as pants</li><li>• Rubber thongs, high heels</li><li>• Denim</li><li>• Exposed bra straps</li><li>• Extreme hair colours</li><li>• Exposed tattoos</li><li>• Visible body piercings (excluding ears unless visible upon employment)</li></ul>
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**Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle, or at times when the principal believes that staff dress code issues warrant a review.