



# Bentleigh West Primary School

## UNIFORM POLICY

### Purpose

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health, safety and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

- To promote equality amongst students
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school community
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school community

### Guidelines

- The School Uniform Dress Code applies and full uniform must be worn at all times during school hours and on school excursions.
- A range of options are available for summer and winter.
- When participating in inter-school sport students will wear the approved sports uniform.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears plus watches and medic alert bracelets are the only acceptable jewellery. No visible costume jewellery, makeup or nail polish is to be worn.
- Extreme hair colours and styles are only permitted on fun or special days as specified.
- The only acceptable headwear is the Sunsmart broad brimmed or legionnaire hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. These hats must be worn in Term 1 & 4 and when the UV reading is 3+ or students will be directed to a designated shaded area.
- Shoes and socks or closed toe sandals must be worn at all times. Thongs are not permitted.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the School Uniform Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal.

- The school uniform is supplied by PSW. Items other than that supplied by PSW are acceptable but must be consistent with the style and colour of the PSW items.
- The Principal is responsible for implementation and interpretation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Engagement Policy.

### **Evaluation**

This policy was ratified by School Council in December 2018 and will be reviewed in December 2022.