**UNIFORM POLICY**

**PURPOSE**
The wearing of our school uniform plays an important role in instilling pride in the children and maintaining our school identity and spirit. This Uniform Policy clearly states our school expectations for parents and encourages students to consistently wear the correct uniform.

**BROAD GUIDELINES**

1. **UNIFORM**
   1.1 Children are to wear the correct school uniform neatly and with pride and are not to deviate from items on the School Uniform list in the Parent Information booklet.
   1.2 All items of clothing must be clearly marked with the child's full name. Shoes and sport shoes can be marked on the inside with a waterproof texta. The school cannot accept the responsibility for items that are lost.
   1.3 No Lost Property Strategy – from 2012 the school will no longer have a lost property box – all items of clothing with names will be returned to their owner immediately and un-named items donated to the uniform shop.

2. **JEWELLERY**
   2.1 Girls with pierced ears are to wear a single sleeper or stud only.
   2.2 Boys are not permitted to wear ear rings to school
   2.3 Coloured nail polish is not to be worn.
   2.4 Only signet rings are to be worn to school.
   2.5 Bangles, bracelets or anklets are not to be worn. Only medical bracelets are permitted
   2.6 A single necklace of a religious nature may be worn but because of safety issues and the potential to lose valuable items, this should be worn under the child’s shirt.

3. **HAIR**
   3.1 Hairstyles are to be neat and simple and devoid of any type of cosmetic colouring.
   3.2 Students with shoulder-length hair are to have it tied back away from the face to allow clear vision and for hygiene reasons.
   3.3 Ribbons and ‘scrunchies’ worn by girls are to be in the school colours of emerald and white. Hair accessories such as multi-coloured clips are not to be worn.
   3.4 Boys’ haircuts are not to be radically cut or multilayered (such as pronounced, shaved undercuts) or so long that it is below the collar or impairs vision.

4. **SHOES and SOCKS**
   4.1 Children are to wear black school shoes.
   4.2 On sports days predominately white sandals are to be worn. Sport shoes are to be devoid of brightly coloured patterns.
   4.3 Ankle-high boots, desert shoes, loafers and thongs are not to be worn.
   4.4 High-tops (eg Converse) and mid-cut shoes (eg Rabens) are not to be worn.
   4.5 Low-cut socks are not to be worn at any time – only sock sold in the Uniform Shop are to be worn.

5. **SCHOOL HATS**
   5.1 Students are to wear the correct school hat every day, regardless of the weather. If children do not have a hat they will be directed to stay in a shaded area.
   5.2 School hats are to be worn in the correct manner.
   5.3 Generic brand-name hats or caps are not to be worn to school unless as a substitute for a lost hat. This must be accompanied by a note from the parent.

**BASIS OF DISCRETION**
- Parents are encouraged to use the uniform pool. Operating times are published in the School Newsletter.
- If uniform items are temporarily out of stock, children may wear substitute clothing (shirts, socks, hats, ties) as close to the school colours as possible. Availability of items should be checked with the school office.
- Children involved in specialist sports activities such as Cross Country, Athletics, Swimming, CPSSA, Gymnastics, Touch Football, or Rugby League training may deviate from the above guidelines in regard to bringing sports clothes (especially shorts and footwear) to school on training days.
- Year 6 children, in consultation with parents and the school principal, may purchase a graduation sports shirt. These may be worn by the children on sports days.
- Parents are requested to provide a letter if the correct uniform is not been worn. Classroom teachers are responsible for maintaining and checking that the correct uniform is being worn.