References:
- Vic Govt Schools Reference Guide

UNIFORM
POLICY

Rationale:
This 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 Highton Primary School. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

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

Implementation:
- After consultation with the school community and the Student Representative Council, School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as appropriate sports uniforms will be prescribed and are required to be worn.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only jewellery acceptable.
- Extreme hair colours (e.g. green, pink or purple) and or extreme hairstyles (e.g. Mohawks are not permitted).
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy and headbands and ties in school colours. They must be worn outside from September through to April. Hats are not worn inside.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase (‘A Plus Uniform’ shop in Belmont), is published on the school website.
- School Council requires the Principal and staff to be responsible for the implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Engagement Policy.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State School Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the School Council for consideration.
- Open toe footwear is not to be worn.
- Second hand uniforms will be made available through the School Uniform Shop.

Evaluation:
This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in...

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