



ABERFOYLE HUB R-7 SCHOOL

We Value Relationships, Responsibility, Resilience and Respect

UNIFORM/DRESS CODE POLICY

VISION

The School Dress Code policy supports students, teachers and families in the following ways.
The code

- Enables the students to develop a sense of identity, belonging and pride in their school
- Encourages the wearing of clothing that supports active participation in all school activities
- Diffuses a competitive environment where students are labelled according to clothing/fashion
- Helps to encourage a safe environment whereby students are more easily recognisable within the school and during out of school activities.

ACTION

The School Uniform/Dress Code is based around the colours of navy blue, pale blue and white. Non-acceptable items include out of hours sports uniforms (including Pedal Prix/SAPSASA), jeans, thongs, baseball caps and any clothing that has commercialised large logos. The wearing of jewellery is limited to ear studs/sleepers and chains (worn beneath clothing if possible).

Clothing is available from A1 Apparel or can be purchased from local clothing stores, provided that the colours are navy blue, white or pale blue.

Students have been informed that if they continue to dress inappropriately, they may be required to change into uniform supplied by the school for the rest of the day.

Under WHS/DECD requirements a staff/adult member may request a student to tie long hair to safely participate in school activities. Students are expected to meet such requests.

EXEMPTION and /or VARIATIONS

The Principal may exempt students from the dress code upon written request from the parent/caregiver. The Principal must inform parents/caregivers of this right.

Grounds on which parents/caregivers may seek exemption are: religious, cultural or ethnic, new students (time to purchase, wear previous uniform), itinerant students, financial hardship or genuine medical or family sickness reasons.

These students and their parents/caregivers will require sensitive and careful consideration by the Principal to minimise the possibility of conflict.

Variations to the Uniform/ Dress code will be granted if an event/activity is to occur during normal school hours where alternative clothing is required i.e. SAPSASA, Casual Day.

Annually Year 7 students in collaboration with the Middle School Teachers design a special Year 7 top and jumper in school colours including names of all Year 7 students and teachers that can be worn as part of the Uniform/ Dress Code.

NON COMPLIANCE WITH UNIFORMS/DRESS CODE

The Education Department Student Behaviour Development Policy makes it clear that the Department does not consider non-compliance with a school's dress code policy a serious enough offence to deny a student access to learning. Consequently, suspension, exclusion or expulsion as a disciplinary measure is not permitted.

EXEMPTED STUDENTS

All Students are required to wear School Uniform. Exemptions are to be made only in writing to the Principal. The Principal will inform class teachers of student exemptions. Class teachers keep a class list of non-school uniform wearers.

ENROLMENT

The Principal must not refuse enrolment on the grounds that the student does not have the required uniform/dress code or because his or her parents/caregivers state that the student will not observe the uniform/dress code.

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