

GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL DRESS CODE

RATIONALE

The school dress code:

- contributes to whole school unity and pride
- develops individual self-esteem through the feeling of “belonging”
- contributes to the development of a supportive school environment, by reducing levels of competitive dressing
- supports social justice initiatives by relieving parents and students of pressures to purchase high cost brand name clothing for school wear
- develops a positive image of Grange Primary School in the wider community
- assists staff in identifying strangers in the school grounds and therefore enables staff to ensure a greater level of safety for students

COLOUR CODE

Grange Primary School colours are **navy blue** and **grey**

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS OF CLOTHING

Any item purchased at the school uniform shop.

Navy Blue: shorts, skorts, bike shorts, trackpants, trousers, cargo pants, netball skirts, and tights (with feet).

Navy Blue and/or Grey: t-shirts (short or long sleeved), windcheaters, jumpers, polo shirts (short or long sleeved), checked navy blue dress.

HATS

Children will be expected to wear navy blue wide-brimmed hats, legionnaire hats or bucket hats in the yard from the September 1st to April 30th. No hat during these months means no play. Hat wearing is voluntary from May 1st to August 31st.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

- While Westside Uniforms is our school uniform supplier, parents may purchase generic items elsewhere as long as they comply with the dress code. Sew on logos are encouraged to be added to generic shirts and jumpers.
- Parents/caregivers are not compelled to purchase garments through Westside uniforms.
- Students will be expected to wear school colours for all learning activities including those outside the school.
- Students participating in schools sport or other events are expected to wear the appropriate uniform, including a hat, or requested attire as appropriate.
- Clothing should be clearly labelled.
- Jewellery is not permitted for safety reasons, with the exception of a watch, sleeper earrings, medical alerts & religious symbols (religious symbols on a chain)

are to be worn under the uniform), jewellery associated with body piercing is not appropriate.

- Accessories such as socks need to be white, navy blue or grey, scarves/gloves need to be in school colours.
- It is recommended those girls wearing skirts or dresses, wear tights, bike or sports pants underneath to enable them to participate in physical education and play on equipment.

EXCLUSIONS

- No other accessories are acceptable.
- Make up or nail polish
- Clothing with brand names, slogans, logos, stripes on pants, writing or pictures
- Denim
- Leggings (feetless)
- Brief shorts (shorts should be mid-thigh to knee length)
- Board shorts
- Items that are faded to a shade
- Track Pants are not acceptable to be worn under the school dress
- Hair colouring / extensions are not acceptable (non natural colours)
- Baseball caps

EXEMPTIONS

Parents have the right to request exemption for their children on specific grounds (cultural, religious etc.) in accordance with DECD regulations. Exemption must be applied for in writing to the principal.

HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

- Footwear should meet safety standards (backed/rubber soled) and not limit involvement in educational programmes. Shoes which are heavy or slip off easily are not suited to active involvement in learning activities and are not acceptable. These include thongs, clogs, platform, slip-ons, ballet flats and high heeled shoes. Shoes must be tied securely at all times.
- To help prevent the spread of head lice, hair shoulder length or longer must be tied back with ribbons, scrunchies or bands in school colours.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

Students not in compliance to the dress code without an explanation will be given a note to take to their parents to be signed and returned to the school. Two notes per child will be given. On the third occasion parents will be contacted and asked to bring uniform for their child to change into or take their child home to change and return them to the school to continue classes.

COUNCIL'S REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed regularly and will involve SRC, parents and staff. Policy revised Oct 2012 for implementation Jan 2013. Next review Q4 2014.