



Endorsed by School Council

## School Uniform Policy

### Rationale:

*The school uniform is compulsory.* Children look very smart in the Kerang South uniform. A uniform helps students develop a sense of pride in their appearance, reinforces their connection with the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school.

The benefits of all students wearing a school uniform are as follows:

A compulsory uniform:

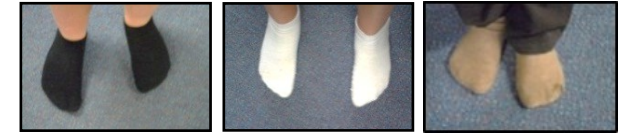
- Helps to eliminate peer group pressure to wear inappropriate clothing reduces competition amongst children and removes pressure on families to provide “fashionable” items for daily wear.
- Promotes equality amongst all students.
- Improves school tone and atmosphere and helps develop a sense of pride and identification with the school.
- Assists with student identification and safety in public places.
- Maintains the high public and community regard for the school and its students.
- Prepares students for the expectations and uniform policies of secondary schools that Kerang South students will attend in future years.
- Is economical, durable, functional and practical.

### Summer Uniform

Plain brown school shorts / skorts with a short sleeve gold polo shirt with collar and school logo. Alternatively, a brown and white tartan dress may be worn. Basketball briefs / black bike shorts (which don't show) under the dress may be worn to encourage playground activity.



**Footwear** - School shoes, sneakers or closed school sandals must be worn for safety reasons (NO THONGS, OPEN TOES or SLIP ON SHOES for safety reasons). Short, white, brown or black socks are to be worn with shorts / skorts / dresses.



**School Hat** – The official, broad-brimmed school hat in school colours with the school logo is to be worn.

In line with our Sunsmart Heat and Hydrating Policy, all children must wear the school hat in the playground and apply sunscreen. The School Council has determined that all students will be required to wear the school's broad-brimmed hat from mid-August to April 30th for physical education/sport sessions, during excursions and whilst in the playground during school hours. Those students not complying with this requirement will not be able to participate in the outdoor activity.

Hats are not to be worn inside.



## Winter Uniform

Brown windcheater with logo, gold polo shirt with collar and logo, brown tracksuit or trousers (fleece or cotton with no logos or embellishments).

Skorts / dresses may be worn with brown tights.



Students may continue to wear shorts or dresses in winter. Please don't mix summer and winter uniform e.g. summer dresses are not to be worn with long pants.

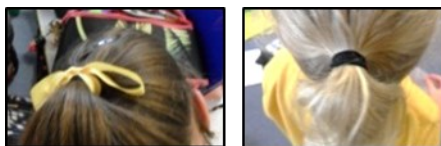
Plain yellow or brown **beanie**. Waterproof shoes (shoes as for the summer uniform).

Winter coats may be worn in the playground during cold weather but must be worn over school jumpers and not in place of them.

If students wish to wear **scarves** they should be in the school colours. No football scarves allowed.

**School Bag** – A monogrammed school bag is available to be purchased but is not compulsory. A suitably sized school bag is necessary for all students.

**Hair Accessories** – For safety and health reasons, students are encouraged to have their hair tied back. Hair accessories e.g. head bands; scrunchies etc. should be in school colours. Black head bands are also acceptable (no metallic headbands).



Extreme hair colouring and attention seeking hair styles are not permitted.



**Jewellery and Make Up** - All jewellery is banned except for:

- plain watches
- small, plain, solid studs (no designs)
- plain, thin sleepers in pierced ears

Nail polish, tattoos and make-up are not acceptable.

Students will be asked to remove nail polish.



**Sports Uniform** - Students should participate in their official school uniform. For safety reasons, appropriate footwear e.g. sneakers suitable for running should be worn. Gold school polo top, brown shorts, brown tracksuit pants (with no logos or embellishments). Sports shorts in school colours may be worn.

Interscholar football teams may wear football shorts.

They will be provided with a school football guernsey.

Interscholar netball teams will be provided with a school netball dress or skirt.

Interscholar T-ball teams will be supplied with a school sports top.

**Clothing Other Than Uniform** – Please ensure children are sensibly dressed for school each day. Students who must attend the school temporarily out of uniform – with an accompanying note – must observe the following restrictions:

- Bathers, basketball briefs, boxer shorts and tank tops are NOT to be worn to school as outer garments.
- Thongs and surf-type sandals are not to be worn, even on out-of-uniform days.

On out-of-uniform days, it is important that children change into suitable clothing for physical education and sport. On these days, all clothing must be in line with the school's Sunsmart Heat and Hydration Policy.

**All items of school uniform are to be in plain colours only e.g. no embellishments, brand names or logos, other than the official school logo.**

- All children are required to wear the school uniform whenever they represent the school for any event or participate in an excursion, unless otherwise stated e.g. zone sport etc. **Students not in full uniform will NOT be permitted to leave the school.**
- Each year, Grade 6 students design a polo shirt which clearly identifies them as school leaders yet complements the school uniform.
- The School Council supplies new and second-hand items of uniform. News of the availability of items and the contact details for the coordinator/s is printed regularly in the school's newsletter.
- The Parents Club supplies each new Prep child with a hat and a reader bag. Parents are encouraged to purchase, through the school, a waterproof library bag with the school logo.
- All clothing must be of reasonable and clean condition. Torn or ripped clothing should be mended, patched or replaced as appropriate. Hats should be free of writing on brims.
- **All children's clothing is to be named.** Named clothing is returned promptly but unnamed clothing is seldom traced and is consequently given to charity at the end of each term or placed in the second-hand clothing cupboard. Please see that all personal articles are **CLEARLY LABELLED** with your child's name. This includes books or other items that are brought to show or share with the class. **PLEASE CHECK REGULARLY.**