

Uniform Policy

Rationale

- A school uniform creates a sense of school identity and belonging, encouraging students to develop pride in their appearance.
- It allows all students to feel equal and may assist in preventing bullying and competition on the basis of clothing
- A school uniform enhances the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community
- It ensures all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- School uniform comprises seasonal and sporting clothing to be chosen and reviewed from time to time (annually) and organised so families can have ready access to articles recommended.
- Children will be **expected** to wear the school clothing or school colours each day.

Aims

1. To **expect** children to follow our school dress code by wearing school clothing or school colours.
2. To provide guidance to School Council on the dress code.
3. To promote equal opportunity to participate in all activities by providing suitable school clothing.
4. To support the maintenance of a safe and secure school environment by making it easier for staff to identify our students.

Implementation Guidelines:

1. Policy Committee to recommend clothing and constantly monitor the situation.
2. To ensure that items of the School clothing are available at a reasonable cost.
3. Reports to be regularly made to School Council, including a profit and loss statement each term.
4. Overall, the program must be self-funding.
5. Staff will alert the principal or assistant principal if there is a continuance of non-wearing of school clothing or school colours. The principal or assistant principal will then contact parents for a reason and an acceptable solution reached. If financial considerations exist, the principal will assess whether The State Schools' Relief will be accessed to provide assistance with school clothing and footwear.

6. Sunsmart Policy - As Altona Green Primary School has a Sunsmart policy we **require** that students wear a Sunsmart hat during outside breaks. This may be a legionnaire cap or brimmed hat. School hats can be obtained from the uniform shop. Also in line with this, tops or T Shirts with sleeves are to be worn.

7. Sporting activities:

Students may choose from the following items when participating in physical education lessons or sport (either school-based or interschool sport)

- shorts, tracksuit pants in navy blue
- jade polo T- shirt
- school windcheaters
- runners (not black soled in the gym)
- any specific sporting gear appropriate to that sport eg. Cricket whites.

It is important that students are dressed in appropriate clothing which will allow for greater participation in physical education activities.

8. For safety reasons, the following articles of clothing and accessories are not permitted;

- slip on, canvas shoes
- sandals or open toe shoes.
- Long or sharp earrings or jewellery.

9. Only navy leggings or navy tights are part of the Altona Green Primary School's uniform.

10. Make up is not to be worn to school.

11. Long hair, reaching past shoulders should be tied up at all times.

12. AGPS supports those students who wish to observe particular religious and cultural requirements while also complying with the school dress code. An example of this may be head scarves, clothing lengths or religious jewellery.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school review cycle or as required.

Endorsed by School Council September 2012