

# COBURG WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Uniform Policy Alert Term 4, 2017



## Amended Uniform Policy 2017

In 2007 the Coburg West School Council with the backing of the School Community introduced a compulsory school uniform. This policy has served the school well, and prospective parents and guardians are made aware of the policy prior to their child's enrolment.

The policy was updated in 2012, and now with the change from an on-site to an offsite and online uniform shop, has been reviewed again.

Coburg West Primary School encourages and promotes wearing school uniform. A school uniform fosters pride in the school, assists in the development and maintenance of tone and good conduct, and reduces to a minimum competition distractions because of clothing between children in the same school. The influence of fashion is strong, and without a uniform, many students would quite easily fall into ever-escalating fashion stakes, with the winners being the ones who could afford it. By wearing uniforms we encourage identity as one group, without it splinter groups based on clothing styles often develop.

Society often judges individuals by their appearance and as a result it can shape expectations and influence reactions. Wearing of uniforms helps to ensure that students are not misjudged as individuals or learners. Uniforms help make our school safe. We can easily identify individuals who should not be in the school and who place students at risk. In a public arena it allows us to identify our students quickly. The school council strongly advises parents and guardians to familiarise themselves with the updated policy and ensure their children are dressed in accordance with Coburg West Primary School's Uniform Policy.

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## STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

### Rationale

A 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 their school. The following dress code states the expectations the Coburg West Primary School Council and community hold with regard to student appearance. This code will apply during school hours, and when students are engaged in school activities out of school hours. The Coburg West student dress code takes precedence over a student's individual preference in matters of dress. In the establishment of this Dress Code, issues such as expense, health and safety and equality have been considered.

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.

### Ministerial Order under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006:

This Act authorises the school council to develop and implement a dress code that covers any matters which a school council considers appropriate in relation to clothing and other items worn, carried or used, grooming, physical appearance and the general presentation of students.

### 1. Purpose of the Coburg West Primary Uniform Policy

- 1.1. to create a sense of collective and individual pride in Coburg West Primary School students and their identification with our school
- 1.2. to assist in individual student safety and group security when travelling to and from school and on school excursions and activities
- 1.3. to promote active and safe participation in school life
- 1.4. to promote a sense of equality by removing the distraction of fashion garments/brands.

### 2. Guidelines

- 2.1. New school uniforms can be purchased from  
A Plus Schoolwear  
133 Barkers Road, Coburg North  
ph. 9354 8345  
and online at [aplusschoolwear.com.au](http://aplusschoolwear.com.au). Delivery of uniforms to the school office is free of charge.
- 2.2. Inexpensive second-hand uniforms can be purchased at the school on Thursday mornings, 9am to 10am, in the second-hand uniform shop near the community room area.
- 2.3. School Council is responsible for setting the school uniform policy.
- 2.4. 'Out of Uniform' days will be determined from time to time for fundraising purposes and to provide opportunities for free dress.
- 2.5. Consequences for the failure to wear correct uniform:
  - The student is to be asked for an explanatory note from parents outlining the reason for being out of uniform. This notification is expected by way of courtesy in the first instance.
  - Subsequent breaches, unless a satisfactory explanation has been provided, will be dealt with as follows, in accordance with the *Education and Training Regulations 2007* Section 16(1)(c):  
*"The Principal of a government school may determine the consequences to be imposed on a student for not wearing school uniform in accordance with any determination of the school council on uniforms, but the principal must be satisfied that the student's failure to wear a uniform was because of the student's disobedience."*  
The principal must also be satisfied that the consequences are reasonable and that the dress code policy has been brought to the attention of the student and his/her parents or guardian/s.

### 3. Dress Code Exemptions

Exemptions allow school councils to impose uniform standards on all students but still recognize

cases in which the application of those standards affects some students unequally. The school principal may allow exemptions to the uniform policy where he/she sees fit.

#### **4. Implementation**

- 4.1. All school uniform items, including hats are available from A Plus Schoolwear. Polo tops, skivvies and black pants can be purchased inexpensively from some retail outlets but the school colours are compulsory (no denim).
- 4.2. Students are expected to wear the school uniform at all times, including excursions, with the exception of camps or 'no uniform' days. A note is required from parents for students out of uniform at other times.
- 4.3. Through term 1 and term 4 all students are required to follow the "Sun Smart" Accreditation practices that include the wearing of broad brimmed or legionnaires style hats.
- 4.4. All clothing items must be clearly labeled, clean & tidy. Graffiti on clothing is not permitted
- 4.5. Long hair to be tied back – this reduces the spread of head lice. Hair accessories to be school colours.
- 4.6. Unsafe jewellery such as large earrings are not permitted.
- 4.7. No cosmetics.
- 4.8. Footwear – black school shoes are permitted as are runners – no open-toed shoes or crocs are permitted. Runners should be worn during sport and P.E. classes.
- 4.9. It is recommended that bike shorts (no longer than the length of the dress), be worn under the summer dress.

#### **5. Uniform**

- Summer dress
- Purple school sport shorts (three-quarter length)
- Black skort or school shorts (three quarter length)
- Black pants or black full length leggings
- Yellow polo top /skivvy
- School windcheater / cardigan / black vest / bomber jacket
- School tunic with polo top / skivvy with black tights or full length plain black leggings
- White / black socks
- School hat
- Black beanie / scarf
- Monogrammed bomber jackets for students in grade 6 only

NOTE: There are no date restrictions on when the Summer and Winter uniforms can be worn

- School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship. Such families should contact the school principal.