

# PARKHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## POLICY: Uniform Policy

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### RATIONALE

A school uniforms reinforces students' pride in their own appearance and in representing their school, and instils recognition as a school community. Issues of equality, health, safety, and expense contribute to the establishment of the uniform policy.

### AIMS

1. To foster a sense of pride in and identification with the school.
2. To promote equality amongst all students.
3. To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for the school environment.
4. To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
5. To ensure ease of Parkhill student identification whilst at school and outside of school (e.g. excursions, etc.);

### IMPLEMENTATION

- Wearing of Parkhill Primary School uniform is compulsory for all students.
- School Council is responsible for ratifying any decisions regarding the uniform range, sales, printing of garments and distribution.
- The school's *Uniform Policy*, *Uniform Requirements* and *Uniform Price List/Order Form* will be available from the Parkhill office and on the School's website.
- Most uniform items are available for purchase from the school's Uniform shop.
- Parents may purchase items directly from the uniform shop in person or send order forms to school with payments (items will then be packaged and sent home with the child on the next day the shop is open).
- Parents may purchase items elsewhere providing they comply with the school's colours, design, and logo requirements (Refer to Appendix 1 - *Uniform Requirements*).
- All prospective students and parents will be notified of the dress code requirements prior to enrolment at the school, including the Sun Smart Policy.
- Parents of pre-school children will be advised of sales procedures to allow purchasing of uniform prior to the commencement of the new Prep year.
- Parkhill Uniform Shop prices will be determined by the supplier after consultation with the school.
- The school will seek parent volunteers to coordinate regular sales of second-hand uniform items. The goal is to have at least 1 second hand uniform sale per term.
- Students must wear upper uniform items with school logo printed on them for identification purposes at all times. These items include all polo shirts, bomber jackets, windcheaters, and vests. Temporary exemptions are at the Principal's discretion.
- In Years 5/6 students must wear the Parkhill Logo Royal Blue Sports Polo for sports events (e.g. 5/6 Sports, Interschool Athletic carnivals, round robins, etc.).
- Students in Years 5 and 6 may also choose to wear the Parkhill Royal Blue Sports Polo as part of their daily uniform.
- In Year 6, students will have an option of purchasing a Year level outer item (e.g. jacket / hoodie / heavy polo) to identify them as school leaders and to keep as a memento. This item is to be worn only by the student during that year and is not part of the uniform at any other year level or any other year. (Typically ordered in Term 4 of previous year).
- In extreme cases the Principal may apply to State Schools Relief for uniform items.
- Simple Jewellery may be worn (refer to *Uniform Requirements*). Jewellery items may be required to be removed or covered for safety reasons (e.g. PE, Sports, etc.)
- Students are encouraged to wear sunglasses as per *Sun Smart* guidelines.
- Students with shoulder length hair or longer must tie their hair back for health and safety reasons.
- **Excursions:**
  - Students must wear full school uniform on excursions as a matter of safety for easy identification.
  - Students may be excluded from participating in excursions on the grounds of safety if they are not wearing full school uniform.
  - Casual clothes may be worn in exceptional cases where permission is granted by the Principal (e.g. Grade 6 Big Day Out).
- **Consequence**

- Letters may be sent home to parents when children regularly present to school without required school uniform.
- Children wearing incorrect uniform may be required to change into second-hand uniform for the day (especially on days where they need to be able to be identified as a Parkhill student. (e.g. excursions).
- Parents should seek a temporary uniform exemption by writing to the Principal (via the front office). Letter must state specific reason why the child is out of uniform, students may then be issued with a temporary 'Uniform Pass'.
- Any changes to the school uniform will follow a consultative process involving the school community.

### **EVALUATION**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four year review cycle.

### **APPENDICIES**

- Appendix 1 – Uniform Requirement List

### **REFERENCES**

- DEECD - School Policy and Advisory Guide:  
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/Pages/azindex.aspx>