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STUDENT DRESS CODE POLICY

Purpose:

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Rollins Primary School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Rollins Primary School's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Rollins Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

Scope:

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

Uniform and Appearance:

The full list of Rollins Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Rollins Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Skorts, skirts and shorts must be at mid thigh level at a minimum
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

Jewellery and cosmetics

The following items are not permitted:

1. Earrings other than sleepers or studs.
2. Nail Polish or make-up.
3. Hair Attachments.
4. Hair colour – coloured hair that attracts unnecessary attention.
5. Large pieces of jewellery (neck and wrist) – small items, provided it isn't likely to catch on clothing or other people, are permitted. If 'large' items are worn for religious or cultural reasons, the item must be worn 'under' clothing so there is no danger of the item becoming a safety issue.
6. Open-toed sandals or shoes.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn outside during Term 1, Term 4, and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

Purchase of Uniforms:

Uniform items can be purchased from Geelong Uniforms (located at 164 Malop Street Geelong). Students can wear school uniform colours without the school logo that can be purchased from other suppliers if needed.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

Implementation:

Rollins Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and our newsletter. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Rollins Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

Exemptions to Student Dress Code:

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

Concerns About This Student Dress Code:

Rollins Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*.

Further Information and Resources:

- Rollins Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Rollins Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Rollins Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

Evaluation and Review Cycle:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the Rollins Primary School Review Cycle.

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council on **[INSERT DATE]** and is scheduled for review in September 2021.

APPENDIX A: ROLLINS PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

Jumper or Vest

Windcheater or Hoodie – navy blue (Grade 6 students can wear their ‘Class of’ hoodies)
Winter jacket (to be worn outside only) – preferably navy blue or red

Polo shirts

Red long and short sleeved with optional school logo.

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Summer sandals with covered toes, black school shoes or pull on school boots or runners are permitted. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

Headwear

Navy blue, black or red head bands, hair ribbons, “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

Dresses/Skirts/Shorts

Summer Dress – Navy blue/red check (only available from Geelong Uniforms).
Winter Dress - Kilt (Only available from Geelong Uniforms).
Pleated skorts only. Navy in colour.

Shorts/Pants

Plain, navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name
Plain, navy blue track pants without decoration or brand name
Navy blue leggings can be worn under a dress or kilt

Hats

Navy blue broad brimmed hat (No hat, no play policy) – required in Terms 1 and 4
A navy blue broad brimmed hat or an ‘unbranded’ navy blue beanie are optional in Terms 2 and 3.

Sunglasses

Sunglasses are encouraged during Terms 1 and 4 for Sunsmart purposes.

This Policy was ratified by School Council on

Date: ___/___/20___

Signed: _____
(School Principal)

Signed: _____
(School Council President)