

## KELLER ROAD SCHOOL

### DRESS POLICY (reviewed March 2015)



The purpose of the uniform is to create a sense of community that engenders the feeling of belonging in all individuals.

The uniform represents a commitment to our values which underpin the teaching and learning at Keller Rd. Our aim is to have a learning environment that is supportive, positive, non-discriminatory, equitable and safe.

The wearing of the school uniform proudly identifies our students at all times, especially on excursions. It also avoids the issues of competition and purchasing expensive clothing.

Any changes to the school uniform will involve consultation with the wider school community including consultation with the SRC. The final authority for any changes to the School Dress Code rests with the Governing Council.

#### **The Purpose of a Policy**

- The wearing of uniform clothing is an important factor in ensuring the children's safety.
- It is important that we can clearly recognise a student's association with Keller Rd, both at school and on excursions.
- Students have the right to wear clothing which allows for freedom of movement and level of comfort.
- The values of students and parents/caregivers of different nationalities is acknowledged.
- Awareness of, and sensitivity to students in financially disadvantaged situations has been taken into consideration in relation to the School Dress Code.

Our uniform offers affordable clothing for all students.

#### **Keller Rd School Dress Code**

The colours of the uniform are navy yellow and white.

The uniform consists of:

- Navy blue bottoms (shorts, track pants, bootleg pants, no jeans)
- Navy blue yellow white polo t-shirts (short & long sleeved)
- Long sleeved navy blue sweatshirt
- Long sleeved navy blue boss top
- Suitable covered in shoes.
- Sandals in summer must have an ankle strap.
- School dress: blue and white check
- Clothing should have sleeves and longer style shorts, skirts and dresses.
- There is to be no visible labelling except for the school logo on any part of the uniform.

#### **Jewellery**

- Discreet jewellery only for Health & Safety reasons
- No visible piercing other than earlobes.
- Studs or sleeper earrings only.
- No neck jewellery other than a chain

#### **Footwear**

- Sensible, comfortable closed footwear.
- No thongs, surf sandals, ballet slippers/flats/ fashion boots..
- Plain socks or stockings (including sports socks)

#### **Uniform Sales**

Uniform sales are managed through the front office.

#### **Sunsmart Policy**

In accordance with the school Sunsmart Policy, the wearing of hats is essential from the 1st September to the 30<sup>th</sup> April when the UV rating is 3 or above. Hats should be navy blue and must be a wide brim (+8cm) or bucket design as they offer the best protection. Students who choose not to wear a hat will be required to remain in the shaded courtyard area.

### **Casual Days**

On Casual Days Sun Safe and jewellery dress codes apply.

### **Responsibility**

- Parents: All parents may receive a copy of this policy and it will be included in the enrolment package. Parents will be expected to supply a suitable hat and clothing for the child's use in school activities. Issues of financial hardship can be discussed with the Principal..
- School Council:
- School council supports the policy, and is responsible for the supply and promotion of the School Dress Code.

### **Leadership**

- Will support the Dress code and will take appropriate action in relation to any wilful and persistent breach of the Dress Code.
- Senior Staff will take the names of students not wearing appropriate clothing and will contact parents either by phone, letter or diary.
- Senior Staff will keep a record of consequences and action taken to ensure compliance with the policy.

### **Teachers:**

Will give out letters signed by Principal if students do not follow the Dress Code and if there is no exemption from parents.

### **Exemption**

DECD Policy states that Principals may exempt students from the Dress Code Policy upon written request from the parents, on the following grounds:

- Religious
- Cultural or ethnic
- New student (time to purchase)
- Itinerant students
- Financial hardship
- When there is a genuine medical or family reason for not wearing uniform, the school should be informed in writing.