

PURPOSE

- The purpose of the student dress code policy, is to further develop students' pride and respect in their own appearance, help students to identify with the school and its values and promote a positive image of the school in the community

POLICY GUIDELINES

- The student dress code is developed through consultation with the school community with a view to providing a uniform that allows students to safely engage in all school activities, gives elements of choice, and is practical and affordable.
- A student dress code aims to promote equality amongst all students and enables full participation in school activities through the wearing of appropriate uniform.
- In establishing a student dress code, consideration has been given to the issues of practicality, equality, safety, cost and flexibility of choice.
- The wearing of the Kew East Primary School (KEPS) uniform is an expectation of the school. The manner in which the uniform is worn should reflect respect, responsibility and pride.
- School Council is responsible for endorsing a local supplier following investigation and consultation in relation to quality of material, items required and prices by a uniform project group. A recommendation is then made to school council.
- A uniform supplier contract is then negotiated with the preferred supplier for 5 years.
- The school uniform is made up of articles of clothing in the school colours (royal blue and yellow) and consists of the following:
 - **Winter uniform**
 - Royal Blue windcheater with logo
 - Royal blue polar fleece zip front windcheater (with school logo)
 - Long sleeve Yellow polo-shirt (with school logo)
 - Royal blue track-suit pants – straight leg or with bias ankle
 - Girls tartan tunic worn with Yellow Skivvy
 - Black school shoes or white runners
 - **Summer uniform**
 - Royal blue cotton bomber jacket (with school logo)
 - Kew East Primary school dress
 - Girls Royal blue skort
 - Royal blue Gabardine shorts
 - Royal blue poly cotton sport shorts
 - Short sleeve yellow polo-shirt (with school logo)
 - Black school shoes or white runners
 - **Sports uniform**
 - Year 5/6 (only) sports polyester polo short sleeve shirt with logo
 - The school provides (on loan) team uniform jumpers or tops for football, soccer and some basketball teams.
 - **Concert Band Uniform**
 - The school provides (on loan) band uniforms which include, long sleeve white shirts, blue ties, royal blue blazers, shirts (girls) and long royal blue gabardine pants(boys).
 - **Accessories**
 - Blue School bag (with school logo)
 - Socks – plain white,
 - Hair accessories – white, blue, yellow
 - Dark blue tights with tunic in winter
 - Royal blue, broad-brimmed hat or legionnaire's hat (with school logo) - see *Sunsmart Policy*
 - House coloured t-shirts optional for specified school sporting events

POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

- The student dress code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, when representing the school and whilst on school excursions (unless otherwise specified).
- Students are expected to wear to school the articles of clothing described in this policy. Additions to the uniform items such as leggings, wool jumpers and cotton shirts (other than specified) are not permitted. Other blue or yellow items of clothing without the school logo should also not be worn to school.
- The school concert band will perform in the band uniform on occasions when they are representing the school such as, in the Victorian Schools' Band Festival, the annual school Soiree and any other special occasions as deemed by the school.
- To promote the safety of students, restrictions are placed on the wearing of some items. In particular, items that may present 'catching' risks (such as some types of jewellery and accessories) are not permitted. Watches, studs, sleepers and medical alert bracelets are permitted but other jewellery worn as either a body piercing or attached to clothing or around a neck is not permitted if visible.
- Cosmetics (including nail polish) and dying of hair with bright or standout colouring are not permitted.
- Only official school badges may be worn to school.
- There is an option for Year 6 students to purchase a different school top in the school colours upon which the Year 6 student signatures are printed. This top is only to be worn by students in Year 6 and not by siblings in subsequent years.
- Consistent with the Sunsmart Policy broad brimmed or legionnaire's hats must be worn outside between 1 September to the 30 April.
- Hats are not to be worn inside and are removed on special occasions such as, assembly, ANZAC and Remembrance Day ceremonies, at the direction of staff.
- All students must wear suitable footwear to school. Wedges, thongs and high heel shoes are not acceptable, regardless of colour. Suitable shoes are white running shoes or a black school shoe with a flat sole, lace or Velcro enclosure, fully covered toe, side and heel.
- Bob Stewarts, 201-211 High Street Kew, is the official supplier of KEPS uniform items. A contract has been signed with Bob Stewarts for a 5 year period. Any changes to uniform items in this period must have a lead in time of 18 months and must be put in writing from the school council to the supplier.
- Details of the supplier for Kew East Primary School's uniform, including prices, will be placed on the school web site at the beginning of each year along with information regarding the second hand uniform shop.
- All staff members are responsible for encouraging compliance with the student dress code.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools' Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- Parents of students, who for a particular reason(s), may need to modify the student dress code, are required to discuss this with the Principal. Staff will be informed of any student granted a modification to the dress code. Parents are encouraged to support the importance and use of the student dress code by ensuring their children dress appropriately when attending school and school functions.
- The school may contact parents if there are ongoing issues regarding the student dress code.
- This policy should be reviewed in line with the timing of a new uniform contract negotiated between the KEPS School Council and the supplier.

EVALUATION

- This policy will be reviewed by School Council in accordance with the School Council policy schedule or at the discretion of school council.

Policy Area:
Student Engagement and Wellbeing

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