

School Council Approved: November 2016

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## **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 Stratford Primary School Council and community holds with regard to student appearance. This code will apply during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are engaged in school activities out of school hours. In the establishment of this Dress Code, issues such as uniform cost, health and safety and equality have been considered.

## **Aim**

- To create a sense of collective and individual pride in Stratford Primary School students and their identification and sense of belonging with our school.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
- To promote equality amongst all students. Equality is fostered by a uniform policy common to all students. Compulsory uniforms assist in eliminating peer group pressure to wear less appropriate clothing, reduces competition amongst students and removes pressure on families to provide "fashionable" items for daily wear.
- To assist in individual student safety and group security when travelling to and from school and on school excursions and activities.
- To promote active and safe participation in school life.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment and learning programs.

## **Implementation**

1. All students are required to wear full school uniform (which incorporates sports/house uniform) during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are engaged in school activities out of school hours.
2. All efforts will be made by the school to provide assistance to families who request it to ensure students have access to uniform items.
3. A bank of second hand uniform, including shoes, will be established from which people may borrow or purchase for a nominal amount. Any funds raised will be used to assist families who make a request for assistance.
4. The school recognises that there will be times when uniform is unavailable, due to laundry issues or damaged items. In those cases families are asked to contact the school via email (stratford.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au), text (0417 161 322), phone (5145 6554) or note.
5. Students may earn house points for their team if they are in full school uniform on randomly selected days.
6. Students must be in full school uniform to represent the school at events such as ANZAC day services, competitions, sports events etc.
7. To be eligible for Student Leadership positions students must commit to upholding the school uniform policy.
8. Students are required to wear the school broad brimmed hat with the school logo from September 1 until May 1. School hats are required to be worn on Out-of-Uniform days. Hats should not have writing or names on the top or the underside of the brim.
9. Students are required to wear sunsafe clothing (*refer to our SunSmart policy*) on out-of-uniform days.

10. If a student is out of uniform without contact from families a message will be sent to the family to alert them to the fact. If a student is consistently out of uniform the Principal will make contact to offer assistance in ensuring the student has the appropriate uniform. If, after contact with the student's family, it is discovered that he or she is out of uniform by choice the School's Code of Conduct and related consequences will be followed.
11. Sports uniform is to be worn on Phys Ed day and on other days when House activities are being conducted. Families will be notified at the beginning of each year once timetables are finalised. Regular runners may be worn on Phys Ed day.
12. An excursion or other school representative activities take precedence over Phys Ed day. For example, on the rare occasions that students are representing the school at an event such as Remembrance Day, VicSpell or attending an excursion which are on the same day as Sports Day, students will need to wear full school uniform.
13. Students in year 6 have the option of purchasing a year 6 t-shirt with the names of the year 6 students on the back. Family and Friends subsidise the cost of the uniform to the value of \$20 per student.
14. For health and safety reasons and to allow students to focus on their learning without distractions hair longer than shoulder length or long fringes must be tied back. Head bands and ribbons may be worn but should be in school colours.
15. All jewellery needs to be school safe and so dangling, protruding or sharp items are not permitted.
16. Make up, nail polish and tattoo type transfers are not suitable for school.
17. For health and safety reasons thongs, open toed shoes and steel capped boots are not permitted, including on out-of-uniform days.
18. Students may wear gumboots outside and slippers inside in wet weather.
19. Families are asked to clearly and permanently label items your child's name. JSM offer embroidery of names on uniform items should families wish to pay for a more permanent option.
20. Families are encouraged to contact the school should any assistance be required.

#### Uniform Items:

##### **Girls**

- Summer weight red & white check dress with Peter Pan Collar and white (plain) socks. No leggings to be worn underneath the dress.
- Red polo shirt with school logo (available from JSM Embroidery, Sale)
- Black shorts, culottes/skort, skirt or track pants without logos, stripes or other markings (not sports briefs, short shorts, bike shorts, leggings or netball skirts)
- Red polo fleece top with school logo
- Black vest with school logo
- Black long sleeved t-shirt or black skivvy under the red polo shirt. No coloured undershirts are to be visible.
- Black school shoes or plain black runners- no coloured soles, edges or laces..
- White (plain) or black (plain) socks.
- Red and black outer wear jacket with school monogram.
- School hat with school logo
- Red and black plaid Winter weight tunic worn with long sleeved plain black skivvy or black long sleeved t-shirt and black tights or long black socks (no footless tights or leggings).

##### **Boys**

- Red polo fleece with school monogram
- Red polo shirt with school logo
- Black long sleeved t-shirt or black skivvy under the red polo shirt. No coloured undershirts are to be visible.
- Black vest with school logo
- Black school pants, shorts or black track pants without logos, stripes or other markings.
- Red and black outer wear jacket with school monogram.
- White (plain) or black (plain) socks.
- Black school shoes or plain black runners- no coloured soles, edges or laces. No steel caps please.
- School hat with school logo

**Sport uniform to be worn on days of Physical Education classes, sporting events and on other House events.**

- Black shorts and/or black track pants.
- Plain polo shirt in house colours (Blue (*Antonio*), Green (*Touchstone*) or Yellow (*Ariel*) with no markings, emblems or graphics other than if you choose to have the school logo and house name embroidered on a house colour t-shirt available from JSM).
- Runners with non-marking soles
- Black (plain) or white (plain) socks

When representing the school at sporting events

- Black shorts and or/track pants
- Red Polo shirt with school monogram
- Black (plain) or white (plain) socks
- Runners with non-marking soles
- Red and black outer wear jacket with school logo



Girls' Winter uniform



Girls' Summer uniform



T-shirt and skirt



Sports uniform showing House t-shirt, skirt & school hat.



An example of the embroidery available on House t-shirts from JSM.

Touchstone – Green.

Ariel – Yellow

Antonio - Blue



Waterproof jacket



Grade 6 T-shirt



Plain black pants



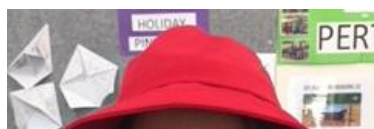
Polar Fleece jacket



T-Shirt and black shorts

Currently under review

Acceptable Shoe Options: Plain black – no coloured sides, emblems, laces etc.



New bucket hat design phased in for 2019.

Currently under review



Uniform Supply:

- All school monogrammed logo clothing (jacket, polo shirts, polo fleece jumpers are available at JSM embroidery in Sale.
- Black shorts, track pants, trousers and skirts are available at JSM. At times they may be available at other stores. These can be worn but must be consistent with the school uniform policy.
- School dresses and tunics are available from JSM.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed formally every three years after discussions and feedback from families, students and staff.

**Addition 2018:** For safety reasons the new bucket hat will replace the broad brimmed hat and be phased in by 2019