



PARA HILLS SCHOOL P-7

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Respect Commitment Honesty

DRESS CODE POLICY

BACKGROUND

After consultation with parents and students the school council may determine a dress code for the school (including a school-based preschool), in accordance to the instructions outlined in School Dress Code Procedures and pursuant with Regulation 86 of the *Education Regulations 2012*.

RATIONALE

We believe that a school dress code:

- contributes to whole school unity and pride
- develops individual self-esteem through the feeling of “belonging”
- contributes to the development of a supportive school environment by reducing levels of competitive dressing
- supports social justice initiatives by relieving parents and students of pressures to purchase high cost brand name clothing
- develops a positive image of Para Hills School in the wider community
- assists staff in identifying strangers in the school grounds and therefore enables staff to ensure a greater level of safety for students
- assists in identifying students during excursions and in the school grounds
- maintains sufficient choice for individuals.

The items which are acceptable are:

Black (plain) bottoms - shorts – minimum 15cm inside leg measurement, bike pants and leggings to be worn under skirts/dress, track pants, trousers, cargo pants, netball skirts and black jeans (not faded).

Red or White only tops - Windcheaters, jumpers, polo shirts, skivvies, cardigans, jackets, uniform items as per school stock.

Hats Red - Bucket hats (with a minimum of 5cm brim), broadbrim which protect ears and neck. Hats must be worn from 1st August through to 30th April. Sun Safe compliance hats are available from the school.

Hair - Long Hair – should be tied back for safety reasons/head lice control.

Hair colouring is only allowed for approved school events – E.G. Sports Day, Book Week Parade, only using ‘wash in wash out’ colourant products

Footwear - Rubber soled shoes or sandals with backs. These meet safety standards and do not limit involvement in educational programs. It is not necessary for footwear to be in school colours.

Jewellery - Studs, sleepers, (one per ear only) a watch and medic alert bracelets.

Belts - Plain black functional.

The items which are not acceptable are:

- Any colours that are not our school colours e.g. Black tops
- Clothes with writing or pictures that are larger than a 50c coin
- Make-up and nail polish
- Bleached / Permanent colour not allowed
- Low cut tops or trousers
- Tattoos
- Baseball cap
- Thongs, clogs, platform, slip-on and high heeled shoes which are heavy or slip off easily. These are not suited to active involvement in learning activities
- Hoop and drop earrings, (multiple piercings) bracelets, rings, necklaces and jewellery associated with body piercing. Decorative fashion belts.
- Aerosol containers must not be brought to school eg deodorants, body spray and mousse/gel.

Exemption

As outlined in departmental guidelines, the Principal may exempt a student from the school dress code after receiving a written request from a parent/caregiver of each student based on the following grounds:

- Religious (clothing or adornments, unless the item poses an unacceptable risk to safety)
- Cultural or ethnic
- New students (time to purchase, wear previous uniform)
- Itinerant and mobile students
- Genuine medical or family sickness reasons, and
- Other additional grounds as the Governing Council/Principal may determine.

To minimise the possibility of conflict, the Principal must ensure sensitive and careful consideration

Please note:

- It is recommended that those girls wearing skirts or dresses; wear bike or sports pants underneath. This will avoid embarrassment when they participate in physical education and play on equipment.
- Parents/caregivers are not compelled to purchase garments through the school.
- Clothing should be clearly labelled, thus reducing the amount of unclaimed lost property.

IMPLEMENTATION

Parents/Caregivers of all students attending Para Hills School P-7 are responsible for ensuring that their child(ren) wear colour coded, acceptable items of clothing to school and excursions.

We will continue to:

- have a Year 7 Commemorative top
- support the Cancer Council SA Sun Smart policy – wearing of hats as recommended 1 August – 30th April
- **acknowledge students wearing school colours at assemblies and in the newsletters**

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

- If a student is unable to comply with the dress code for a short period of time (1-2 days), a note of explanation from the parent, in the diary, on the day in question, needs to be sent to the class teacher.
- At play-times, any child who is not wearing a hat from 1st August through to 30th April will need to sit in a designated area.
- Students who fail to comply with the dress code policy will be given a note to be sent home. Students who fail to comply with the dress code policy on three occasions will meet with senior staff to determine consequences.

REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed regularly and will involve Governing Council and staff.

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