UNIFORM POLICY

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. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

AIMS

To promote equality amongst all students.
To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
To provide safe durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

IMPLEMENTATION

After consultation with the school community and Our Lady of the Assumption School Advisory Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.

- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears (plain gold or silver), plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Extreme hair colours (eg: bleaches or colour rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted. Long hair (below collar line) must be tied back in line with OH&S for boys and girls.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is OLA school hats, consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside in terms 1 & 4.
- OLA will operate a second-hand uniform shop for good quality second hand uniforms. This will open during the term, as well as before school begins each year.
• The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items, will be published on the school website and are available from the school office.
• School Advisory Council requires the Principal to be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
• Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
• Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to student disability, health condition or other must apply in writing to the Principal for consideration.

**EVALUATION**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.