



## SOMERS PRIMARY SCHOOL – UNIFORM – DRESS CODE POLICY

### REVIEW CYCLE

*Ratified by School Council: February 2020*

*Review Date: February 2023*

### INTRODUCTION

The Somers Primary School community believes that a dress code for students builds pride in the School, eliminates competition about what is worn, and fosters a team approach to School activities. Further, our Uniform Policy is gender inclusive. We offer gender inclusive options that include items that can be worn by all students irrespective of their gender or gender identity.

### AIMS

1. To develop a sense of collective and individual pride in students, a sense of community.
2. To enhance group and individual security.
3. To recommend school clothes, which takes into account the health and safety of students.

### IMPLEMENTATION

1. A staff member will consult with the Principal if a student's dress or appearance causes concern.
2. Students are required to wear clothing and footwear which is safe and appropriate. Clothing and footwear that inhibit movement have the potential to be caught or pulled, as deemed unsafe and therefore inappropriate (thongs, shoes with no backs and flimsy sandals do not provide adequate protection to the wearer's feet and are thus deemed inappropriate footwear). The wearing of knee-high boots is discouraged due to safety reasons.
3. Moderation is expected in the wearing of jewellery, for example, earrings, necklaces, rings, etc. The wearing of excessive and unsafe jewellery that has the potential to be caught during any school activities, thereby causing injury to the wearer or others will be deemed unsafe, and the student will be required to remove or cover it.
4. Students are encouraged to follow the School's Sun Smart policy. Singlet tops are deemed unsuitable under Sun Smart guidelines.
5. Students at Somers Primary School are encouraged to take care with their personal appearance. It is strongly recommended that long hair be tied back to minimise the risk of injury and potential hygiene problems, eg: head lice. The dying of hair is inappropriate for Primary aged children.
6. Excessive make-up, such as eye-make is inappropriate.
7. The wearing of boldly brand-named garments is inappropriate. This includes large brand names on socks.
8. Broad brimmed school hats must be worn in terms one and four as part of the Sun Smart policy.
9. Bike shorts are allowed to be worn under school dresses or skirts but are not to be worn as an outer garment.
10. Jackets/jumpers with hoods are dangerous and are deemed inappropriate due to safety reasons.

The Principal will be the final arbiter in the interpretations of this dress code.

## SOMERS PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM

The uniform comprises combinations of the following:

- Bottle green or navy blue pants, shorts, skirts or dresses.
- Navy polo shirts, t-shirts or skivvies.
- Bottle green long-sleeved fleecy tops, jumpers, tops, jackets or vests.
- Sun Smart hats in terms 1 and 4.

The Somers Primary School uniform is available from Beleza School Uniforms, Shop 8/13 Eramosa Road West. Somerville VIC 3912 03 5977 5277