



# Student Dress Code Policy

## **Rationale:**

The dress code is valued by the school community as it:

Creates a sense of collective and individual pride in students and their identification with the school.

Is a useful element in student safety and security of groups when working outside the immediate school environment.

## **The purpose of the Quarry Hill dress code**

- promoting students' sense of identity with and pride in the school
- allowing all students to feel equal
- promoting cohesion and good order in the school
- preventing bullying and reducing competition between students on the basis of clothing
- strengthening the spirit of community within the school
- enhancing the profile, image or identity of the school and its students within the wider community
- enhancing individual student safety and group security
- ensuring students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities

## **Human rights and anti-discrimination requirements**

Quarry Hill upholds human rights and anti-discrimination legislation through their dress codes by:

- ensure that their dress code enables all students to participate fully in school life
- increase the sense of belonging to, and engagement with, schools for students from all backgrounds (such as cultural, linguistic, religious, etc) and regardless of personal characteristics (such as disability, health condition, gender identity, etc)

## **Implementation:**

### **The Dress Code will be as follows:**

Quarry Hill Primary School colours are navy, maroon and white.

Children are expected to wear the following:

- ❖ Girls - navy/white checked school dress, navy pinafore or
- ❖ Girls/Boys:
  - white, maroon or navy short or long-sleeved polo shirt with logo
  - navy rugby top with logo
  - bomber jacket with logo
  - navy shorts, trousers or skorts
- ❖ Shoes are to be flat heeled with enclosed toes. Sneakers are preferable for all physical education activities.
- ❖ Socks & tights must be in school colours.
- ❖ Broad brimmed hats as issued by the school are to be worn for all outside activities from September 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>. (In line with our Sun Smart Policy)
- ❖ Children are encouraged to wear clothing with the school logo. All other logos are unacceptable.
- ❖ Stripes on pants, shorts, shirts or windcheaters are not allowed.
- ❖ Shorts and trousers must be plain navy blue - denim clothing is not allowed.
- ❖ No jewellery to be worn except for ear studs and watches.

- ❖ Students are expected to wear their hair tied back when long enough to do so.
  - ❖ Hair bands, ribbons, clips etc must be in school colours.
  - ❖ Sunglasses are acceptable but must comply with minimum ASA standards and be clearly named.
  - ❖ In cold weather, skivvies or long sleeve t-shirts in school colours may be worn under uniform.
  - ❖ Coats and wind proof jackets are preferred in school colours.
- The Dress Code will be communicated regularly to the school community and will be detailed clearly to new families entering the school.
  - Infringements of the Dress Code will be dealt with by an identified staff member who will issue a notice to families along with a copy of the Dress Code.
  - Students who persistently fail to comply with dress code may be supplied with school second hand uniform stock to ensure their full participation in all school activities.
  - Applications for exemption from compliance with the Dress Code are provided on request from the principal and will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.
  - If parents, carers or students have a complaint relating to the dress code it should be addressed to the school principal.

### **Health and safety considerations for chinstraps, drawstrings and jewellery**

- Drawstrings on clothing or jewellery worn by students are discouraged as they may present risks of strangulation or other injury. This is of particular concern for primary students engaged in active outdoor play if they are wearing hats with cords or chinstraps, garments with drawstrings or cords in the head and neck area, or items of jewellery. Schools should consider these risks when deciding on the design of school uniform items or the jewellery that students are allowed to wear.

### **Resources:**

The Parents and Friends Association of Quarry Hill PS will support the school's Dress Code by:

- Supplying all prep students with a school hat upon enrolment.

### **Evaluation:**

- A review of the dress code will be made each 2 years to address any minor amendments or safety issues with input from a range of school community members.

<b>Approved By</b>	School council
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<b>References</b>	<a href="http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/management/pages/dresscode.aspx">http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/management/pages/dresscode.aspx</a>