

HEALESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

UNIFORM DRESS CODE POLICY

2008 and 2009

Rationale:

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instills 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 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 the Student Representative Council, School 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 traveling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions which require uniform.
- The only head wear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. Hats must be worn outside in terms 1 & 4 during Sport/Physical Education classes and are encouraged at lunchtime and recess. Wide brim hats are encouraged but School Council has deemed a cap acceptable. Hats are not to be worn inside. Staff are also encouraged to comply with the Sunsmart Policy.
- No Buy Back scheme or second hand uniform store operates but the school is happy to accept donations of uniform no longer used or required and/or advertise in the weekly newsletter details of uniform that a parent may wish to sell second hand.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and place of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the principal.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed prior to the end of the 2009.

Endorsed by School Council 27/8/2007