

# **DRESS CODE**

## **POLICY**

### **Rationale:**

School uniform can provide a sense of group identity, reduce peer pressure and help new students to settle into the school. A uniform gives a sense of belonging and adds to personal security. Students in uniform are more readily supervised at school and school events, and when travelling to and from school. Wearing full uniform with pride and respect is encouraged at all times.

### **Aims:**

- To support parents in the selection of serviceable, neat and affordable school clothing.
- To provide a range of hard wearing, easily laundered and reasonably priced items.
- To prevent elitism and competitive dressing.
- To enhance pride in the school and to foster a school identity both on and off campus.
- To educate students to practise Sun Smart behaviour.

### **Implementation:**

- The wearing of school uniform is compulsory for all students .
- Children are expected to wear a broad brimmed sunhat or legionnaires cap in terms 1 and 4.
- Children will wear appropriate and safe footwear. (No open toed footwear)
- Jewellery should be limited with special consideration given to the safety aspect.
- Parents should name all articles of clothing for identification purposes.
- Parents will provide a written note each time their child is out of school uniform.
- If a note of explanation is not received, a proforma letter will be sent to parents.
- If continued breeches of the dress code occur, parents will be asked to attend an interview with the Principal to discuss the matter.
- Anti-Discrimination – The dress code will not discriminate directly or indirectly against students on the basis of gender, race, ethnic group, nationality, color, disability or socio-economic circumstances.
- The Education Act 1958 - Alteration to the constituting order of Certain School Councils is relevant to the School Council's authority to determine a uniform policy. The approved list of uniform items defines school uniform.
- The Uniform Shop co-ordinator will monitor stock levels and suppliers, and trade as required. Recommendations for service improvement should be made through the Principal.
- The Office Manager will provide termly trading reports and the co-ordinator regular stock reports.
- Parents will have the option of purchasing shorts or track suit pants from a supplier of their choice, provided the garments are the same color as the official school uniform.
- Uniforms must be worn to all school excursions.

### **Evaluation:**

An evaluation of the dress code shall be undertaken as deemed necessary by the School Council. This evaluation will take the form of consultation with parents, teachers and students.