



# STUDENT DRESS CODE

## POLICY

### 1. Purpose:

To set a code of dress for all students to develop a school identity and sense of belonging. The Student Dress Code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as part of the school community. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are factors that contribute to the successful implementation of this policy.

### 2. Aims

- 2.1 To promote equality amongst all students.
- 2.2 To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment and learning program.
- 2.3 To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

### 3. Implementation

- 3.1 The official Karoo School uniform is approved by School Council. The policy has been renamed in line with DET requirements. Ministerial Order under the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*.
- 3.2 Wearing of school uniform is compulsory for all students.
- 3.3 Health and safety aspects related to the Policy include:
  - i) The Sun Smart Policy – it is compulsory for students to wear a sun protective hat in Terms 1 and 4.
  - ii) School bags with the school logo are designed to minimise the risk of back injury to students. These school bags are recommended but not compulsory.
- 3.4 The current uniform options cater for all weather conditions.
- 3.5 Students are encouraged to select the appropriate clothing from the uniform list when participating in physical activities.
- 3.6 The Karoo Parents' Association supports families holding second hand uniform sales during the year. Dates and times are advertised in the school newsletter.
- 3.7 Families can purchase pre-loved items of uniform when available.
- 3.8 Should any student be out of uniform a note from parents must be presented to the student's teacher on the day.
- 3.9 The disciplinary measures used to enforce the Student Dress Code are consistent with the schools' Student code of Conduct and the School's Engagement Policy.
- 3.10 Students who are not complying with the Student Dress Code will be given a verbal warning. A second breach of the rule during the term will require a letter being sent home to parents informing them of the second offence. A Karoo 'Out of Uniform/ No Hat' reminder notice will be sent home in the student's diary. A phone call to parents may also be used to communicate with parents.

- 3.11 Principal Class staff will contact parents/carers and discuss the breach and determine any action to be taken.
- 3.12 Exemptions can be granted by the Principal if there is evidence of:
- i) a religious belief held by the student
  - ii) aspects that prevent a student with a disability from attending or participating in school activities
  - iii) a health condition that restricts the student wearing the uniform as detailed in the policy
- 3.13 All exemptions will be recorded and the School Council informed of the Principal's decision.
- 3.14 Information about the Student Dress Code, including any changes will be communicated to the school community. When changes are proposed the School Council will consult with parents/carers, teachers and students.
- 3.15 All prospective parents will be notified of the Student Dress Code requirements prior to enrolment.
- 3.16 All students going on activities outside the school grounds are required to wear school uniform for their own safety (unless otherwise advised).
- 3.17 The school colours are bottle green and gold.

### **Specific Rules**

- 3.18 Jewellery is restricted to stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears only. Watches are also acceptable. Activity trackers (i.e. Fitbit or Garmin) may be worn,
- 3.19 No other jewellery (i.e. necklaces) is to be worn except for religious beliefs.
- 3.20 Fashion jewellery and 'bands' are not permitted to be worn around the neck, wrists or ankles.
- 3.21 Students are not permitted to wear nail polish, artificial nails or make up.
- 3.22 Temporary tattoos are to be removed when the students are at school.
- 3.23 It is recommended that hair colour be the child's natural hair colouring.
- 3.24 Students of both genders are required to ensure long hair (i.e. shoulder length and longer) is tied back.
- 3.25 Hair accessories (i.e. bows and headbands) must be in Karoo colours – green, gold or black.
- 3.26 Jo Jo bows or similar are not permitted to be worn.
- 3.27 Socks are to be dark green, black or white. No coloured socks are permitted.
- 3.28 Senior students (Years 5 and 6) are able to wear a specifically designed Senior School t-shirt. Specially printed hooded windcheaters are available each year to be worn by Year 6 students only.
- 3.29 Students in Years 3-6 are permitted to wear the Karoo Sports top on the day they have Physical Education and Sport.
- 3.30 Free dress days will be allowed at the discretion of Principal. In line with our Sun Smart Policy students must wear closed toed shoes (i.e. no thongs, sandals or slip- on shoes), shoulders must be covered (no strapless tops).
- 3.31 Parents/carers are responsible for naming all items of uniform.
- 3.32 Refer to Lost Property Policy if uniforms are lost.
- Appendix 1 – Current Uniform List Official Supplier.

### **Related Policies:**

Lost Property	Sun Smart
Student Code of Conduct	Student Engagement