

BOX HILL NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

UNIFORM POLICY

RATIONALE:

The wearing of school uniform instils recognition of students themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school, as well as reinforcing in students a pride in their own appearance. It increases the student's safety, provides good quality, economical clothing and eliminates problems of clothing competitiveness. For these reasons the School Council at Box Hill North PS has endorsed the compulsory wearing of school uniform by all students.

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, allowing students to safely engage in the many varied school activities
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Wearing of the Box Hill North Primary School uniform applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions
- Only on published special 'free dress' days will students be exempt from wearing the school uniform
- Summer and Winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms, will be prescribed, and are required to be worn (**see attachment**)
- A sports uniform is available and must be worn by years 5&6 when participating in school or interschool sport. It is optional at years 3&4, but compulsory for 3&4 students who compete in interschool activities eg athletics, cross country etc.
- The wearing of jewellery is not permitted with the exception of watches and plain stud earrings for pierced ears. Headwear worn for religious or cultural reasons should be in the school colour of burgundy
- The only other headwear that is acceptable is a SunSmart hat, consistent with our SunSmart policy. A hat must be worn outside in terms 1 & 4. Hats are not to be worn inside. They should be burgundy and a wide brimmed 'slouch' hat
- Extreme hair colours (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg. mohawks) are not permitted
- Hair longer than shoulder length needs to be tied back and all hair accessories should be in the school colours of burgundy
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school
- The student Uniform Policy, including details of uniform items and our uniform shop hours, will be published on the school website
- Good quality second hand uniforms can be purchased from our uniform shop at minimal cost
- If a family is in financial difficulty, parents are encouraged to make arrangements with the Principal regarding provision of uniform
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Uniform Policy
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Uniform Policy due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition must apply in writing to the School Council.

Responsibilities: Parents/Carers/Staff

- Parents must ensure the full school uniform is worn daily. A note of explanation is required from parents if a student is not in full school uniform
- Staff will actively monitor and encourage the wearing of full school uniform
- If a note is not forthcoming from the parent, a reminder note will be sent home from the school.
- Parents must name all items of uniform
- A note of explanation is required from parents if a student does not have the required SunSmart hat during Terms 1&4. Students without hats will remain in the "No hat, no play" area.