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Caledonian Primary School Uniform Policy

1 Rationale

Caledonian Primary School requires all students to be dressed in our school uniform. A uniform dress code fosters a sense of pride within each student, for themselves and for the school. A uniform allows students to recognise themselves as part of a wider school community. It provides means of identification and helps to ensure the safety of our students, in the schoolyard and in transit to and from the school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

2 Purpose/Aim

The purpose of this uniform policy is to:

- allow all students to feel equal
- prevent bullying and competition on the basis of clothing
- ensure students' appearance reflects the expectations of their school community
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community
- strengthen the spirit of community within the school
- enhance individual student safety and group security
- ensure all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- encourage students to develop pride in their appearance
- prepare students for the expectations of workplaces
- encourage students to present themselves appropriately for a particular role.

3 Implementation

A Dress Code Policy shall be maintained that 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.

It is expected that school uniform is correctly worn at all times as outlined in Point 5 Uniform options. The Dress Code Policy applies during school hours and when students are on school excursions (Sports days/activities are exempt e.g. House Sports days unless otherwise permitted by the Principal).

The wearing of 'sun-smart' hats is compulsory in Terms 1 and 4 (see hats). Hats are not to be worn inside. The Student Dress Code will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.

Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code Policy due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability or health conditions, must apply in writing to the Principal.

All uniform items should be clearly named. If unnamed items are left in lost property for over two weeks they will then become property of the school's second-hand store.

Prices and purchase guides are available from the office.

4 Enforcement of the Uniform Policy

Students who are out of uniform must:

- bring a note of explanation from a parent/carer indicating why they are out of uniform and when they will be back in complete uniform. This note is to be provided to the classroom teacher
- wear a clothing alternative that is as close to uniform as possible
- students who are out of uniform need to comply with the SunSmart and OH&S policies

Students wearing non-uniform items will be asked to remove these items and a loan uniform will be provided for the day.

4.1 The role of the School

The Principal is responsible for implementation of the Dress Code Policy.

The Principal will communicate with parents about students who are out of uniform without a note.

4.2 The role of parents

It is the role of parents to familiarise themselves with the uniform policy and to purchase the correct uniform.

When a child is out of uniform a parent should attempt to provide them with a uniform as close to the correct uniform as possible.

4.3 The role of students

When a student is wearing the Caledonian uniform they should take pride in their appearance and remember that they are representatives of the school. Appropriate behaviour should be displayed at all times while wearing the Caledonian uniform. This includes when commuting to and from school.

5 Uniform Options

5.1 Core items

- Navy blue windcheater or Polar fleece jumper with Caledonian logo
- Navy blue tracksuit pants, gaberdine pants or shorts
- Navy and Jade short sleeved polo shirt with Caledonian logo
- Navy and Jade long sleeved polo shirt with Caledonian logo
- Navy, jade and white school dress in Caledonian tartan
- Navy skirt/tunic
- A Caledonian Primary School SunSmart approved hat is a compulsory part of the school uniform as recommended by the Cancer Council of Victoria. Hats should be worn whilst outside from 1 September to 30 April.
- Closed in black shoes

Within these compulsory items students and parents have a choice of the items they wear.

5.2 Optional items with Caledonian logo

These optional items can be purchased from the uniform shops:

- Navy blue vest with Caledonian logo for wear over the long sleeved polo
- Navy blue beanie with Caledonian logo
- Caledonian School bag and library bag.

5.3 Optional items without the Caledonian logo

- Navy blue bloomers or small shorts to wear under summer dresses (the hem of the dress must be longer than the shorts)
- Tights or Cotton leggings – Non-branded navy blue tights or leggings can be worn under the winter skirt or tunic only. No tights or leggings under the summer dress
- Navy blue skivvy to wear under the long sleeve polo shirt
- Socks – Socks should be black, white or grey and non-branded. No socks over tights
- Coats – These should be Navy blue or Black. No fluro coloured coats
- Hair accessories need to be in school colours.

5.4 Shoes

School shoes should be black, closed toe shoes. Black runners are acceptable, but no excessive branding. White or Fluro runners are not permitted.

Please ensure that the choice of shoe is age appropriate. Pull-on boots and velcro is advisable for children who can't yet tie laces.

Black or blue colour gumboots can be worn during winter.

Runners in the recommended colours are advised to be worn during PE. An info graphic of appropriate shoes will be available in 2019.

5.5 Sports

The school will provide sports uniform for some specified external sports days.

5.6 Grade 6

Each year Grade 6 tops are designed and are available for purchase. These are not compulsory. Students who choose to wear these tops need to treat them as part of their uniform.

6 Unacceptable items

For health and safety reasons:

- Slip on shoes, thongs or steel capped boots are not permitted
- Single stud or sleeper earrings and wristwatches are the only acceptable forms of jewellery
- Long hair, i.e. shoulder-length and longer, must be tied back for students of all genders
- Extreme hairstyles and unnatural hair colour are not acceptable (exemption may occur for approved fundraising days)
- Make up and nail polish may not be worn at school.

7 Casual Clothes Days

Students are still required to adhere to OHS policy and Sunsmart policy on out of uniform day.

Clothing with offense language or images is not permitted and the child will be provided with alternative clothing and parents contacted.

8 Resources

<http://www.sunsmart.com.au/>

<http://www.beleza.com.au/>

<https://www.lowes.com.au/schools-online/caledonian-primary-school>

9 Monitoring and Review

Each year the uniform policy will be reviewed by the School Council. Any required changes will be communicated to parents accordingly.

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated on 26/11/18 and is scheduled for review in November, 2019.

School council approved this policy on 26th November, 2018.