



OSBORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

2655

# UNIFORM POLICY

## **Rationale:**

The following Uniform policy states the expectations Osborne Primary School Council holds with regards to student appearance. This code will apply during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are engaged in school activities out of school hours.

Osborne Primary School has determined that the wearing of school uniform will be compulsory for the following reasons:

A school uniform –

- Develops a sense of unity
- Fosters a sense of belonging to the school
- Establishes the identity of the school within the wider community
- Creates a positive image for the child and the school
- Provides practical clothing for school activities
- Eliminates peer pressure caused by competition with dress
- Provides a range of choices for all seasons
- Provides recognition of the leadership role Year 6 students have in the school by wearing purple jumpers and/or Polo shirts.

## **Principles:**

The uniform colours are green and white (including hats, hair ties etc. Socks may be green, white or black).

The school logo / emblem is to be a feature of the uniform. The logo/emblem is not compulsory but highly recommended.

Most of the uniform is designed to be worn by both girls and boys and incorporates design suggestions in which they feel most comfortable.

The uniform is designed with due regard to the health and safety of the students.

## **Appropriate footwear:**

Appropriate footwear is another essential part of the School Uniform Policy. For safety reasons students are to wear appropriate footwear to suit their activity at school.

- For sport activities, runners are recommended.
- At other times, suitable protective footwear is necessary.
- Shoes for school should be mainly black or mainly white.
- Canvas shoes regardless of colour are not considered appropriate footwear for safety reasons. They do not offer proper support for the sole or top of the foot.
- High heeled shoes, beach footwear and open thongs are not to be worn to school.

## **Dress Code and Grooming expectations:**

- ***All students are expected to wear the school uniform at all times***
- Any bike shorts, leggings or other garments worn underneath uniform should not be visible.
- Tights for girls should be green.
- Hats are to be worn in accordance with the school's sunsmart policy. It is compulsory for the school approved hat to be worn in the Sunsmart season.
- Hair colour must be natural colour.
- No make-up is to be worn at school.
- Nail Polish is not to be worn at school.
- Basketball shorts are not school uniform.
- Netball skirts are not school uniform.
- Cargo shorts are not school uniform.

- Socks with commercial logos are not school uniform.
- Students may wear black crew socks.
- Tattoos are not considered part of the school uniform and students are not to wear tattoos while they are at school or involved in any school activity.
- Students will not be permitted to represent the school, leave the school on excursions, participate in inter-school sports or other special activities unless wearing the correct school uniform and following Health and Safety Guidelines.
- The school uniform includes all items available at the uniform shop operating within the school grounds.
- Council delegates to the principal his/her delegate power to act at his/her discretion should students attend school with what (s)he considers inappropriate hairstyles, body piercing, make-up, jewellery etc. in such situations parents will be contacted to negotiate a more appropriate personal presentation for their child in the school environment.

**Accessories:**

- Children wishing to wear a scarf, beanie and / or gloves for warmth in winter are required to have these items in school colours of dark green or white.
- The Osborne Primary School bag available at the uniform shop is the recommended school bag choice.
- School bags that are not Osborne Primary School bags are required to be of similar size and in either dark green or black.

**Health and Safety aspects of the School Uniform:**

While it may be more widely accepted that various parts of the body may be pierced and jewellery may be worn in these pierced holes, for safety reasons the following rules will apply to students at Osborne Primary School:

- Students may have pierced ears, no sleepers or dangling rings are acceptable.
- No other exposed parts of the body that are pierced are to have rings or studs attached.
- Loose jewellery is not permitted.
- Long hair should be tied back with appropriately coloured clasps, ties or ribbons.
- Make up is not to be worn at school.
- Wide brimmed Osborne Primary School hats are compulsory to be worn during all outdoor activities in the Sunsmart season

**Lost items:**

The school makes provision for the return of lost property and uniform items that are labelled with the student's name. It is the responsibility of parents to clearly label the property of their child. The school will not accept responsibility for lost or damaged items of students.

**School Uniform Free Days:**

The Principal may announce a School Uniform Free Day occasionally as part of a Social Service or whole school activity

**Where to obtain the Uniform:**


The school operates a uniform shop at specific times where most items in the uniform may be purchased. Items may be handmade or purchased from various commercial outlets as long as the colour and style of garments match the school uniform.

Second hand uniform is uniform unnamed or donated that is in good condition. It is cleaned and available for sale to the community. Money from these sales goes towards assisting Osborne students at the school's discretion.

*State Schools Relief* is also used where appropriate as a source of uniform for students in need.

**EVALUATION:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review process.

<b>Approval Authority Signature</b>	 School Council President: Sarah Lawrence Date: 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2021
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<b>This Policy was previously ratified by School Council on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018</b>	