

**Rationale:**

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instills recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

**Aims:**

- To promote equality and unity 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:**

- The details of the Student Dress Code and the uniform shop hours of operation will be made available to parents either on the website or in hardcopy form (e.g. in Information Packs).
- The Student Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions or events.
- Only on gazetted special “Free Dress” days will the code not apply.
- Summer and Winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
- Sports uniforms will only be available for students in Grades 3-6.
- Socks are required to be worn but no open-toed footwear may be worn.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Hair longer than shoulder length needs to be properly tied back at all times.
- Extreme hair colours (e.g.: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (e.g.: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is a Sunsmart hat consistent with our Sunsmart policy. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Sunglasses are encouraged to be worn in warmer months, but this is a parental decision.
- Good quality second hand uniforms can be purchased from the uniform store at Kerrimuir.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for enforcement of the Student Dress Code.
- If students do not adhere to the KPS Student Dress Code parents will be contacted to discuss the matter.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms for families experiencing economic hardship.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Student Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the School Principal.

**Evaluation:**

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.