

# Thomastown Meadows PS

## Uniform Policy

### Rationale

- A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils 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 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.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

### Implementation

- After consultation with the school community and the Student Representative Council, School Council has developed a Student Dress Code that we believe 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.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Summer and winter uniforms are required to be worn.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is SunSmart hats consistent with our SunSmart policy. They must be worn outside from the beginning of September until the end of April. In winter the only headwear that is acceptable is a royal blue beanie. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- The Student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the School Council.

### Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed regularly as part of the school's review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

**November 2006**