

School Uniform Policy

Drysedale Primary School has a strong sense of community both as a school and as part of the wider town. The school's uniform brings a clear sense of identity and connection to both the school and the community of Drysdale.

Rationale

Children who are strongly connected to their school and engaged with the school community have a greater sense of belonging and the enhanced sense of security that comes from this. Consequentially they have higher levels of self-esteem and are better learners as a result. A school uniform closely linked to the Drysdale community's identity through the choice of gold and brown as the uniform colours increases this connectedness internally between students and externally to the town. A consistent uniform presents a positive public image especially when children are participating in activities outside the school.

Guiding Principles

1. The school's colours are brown and gold.
2. All children are expected to wear appropriate clothing in the school's colours.
3. Uniform should be accessible to all families.
4. The school's formal uniform (see below) must be worn for public events e.g. photographs, presentations in assembly, excursions and as notified by the school.
5. An informal uniform can be worn on other occasions
6. The school's formal uniform includes uniform items with the school's logo or plain gold / brown items. The informal uniform includes the formal items as well as Drysdale Hawks tops. Items in other colours or with other logos or decorations are not a part of either the formal or informal uniform and may not be worn at school.
7. Children will have a house shirt which may be worn on specific occasions notified by the school e.g. house sports events, house related assemblies or activities.
8. From time to time the school will hold a non-uniform day to support our community fundraising activities. Parents and children will be given advance notice of these days.
9. Parents may purchase the formal uniform from the approved school uniform suppliers – currently PSW which has a shop in Geelong and an outlet at school. Parents may purchase other items that meet the formal or informal uniform requirements for suppliers of their choosing.
10. The school will work collaboratively with families to ensure that their children are able to wear an appropriate uniform and are not disadvantaged by economic circumstances.

Core Expectations

1. Drysdale Primary School is a SunSmart school. Consequently during terms 1 and 4 children are required to wear a broad brimmed hat when outside – i.e. broad brimmed, legionnaires, bucket style. Children without a hat must remain under cover in shaded areas at all times.
2. Safe and suitable footwear must be worn; footwear must have a covered toe section.
3. For Health and Safety reasons the wearing of jewellery is not permitted except for watches and stud / sleeper earrings.
4. Long Hair should be tied back.
5. All clothing should be clearly labelled.



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6. Children not wearing approved school uniform will be asked to change into uniform. Where children are regularly out of uniform their parents will be asked for an explanation. If this becomes a persistent problem there will be a meeting between parents and school to discuss the best strategies for ensuring children are wearing the correct uniform.
7. Parents of all children will be informed of the school's uniform policy.
8. Exceptions to the uniform policy can be agreed with the principal on the grounds of religious beliefs, health or culture.

Conclusion

A consistent school uniform develops a cohesiveness within the school's culture and promotes children's self-esteem and belonging. The school will work with all members of its community to ensure that all children are able to access and wear the correct formal and informal uniform.

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