



# PARA HILLS SCHOOL

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*Respect Commitment Honesty*

## DRESS CODE POLICY

### BACKGROUND

After consultation with parents and students the school council may determine a dress code for the school (including a school-based preschool), in accordance to the instructions outlined in School Dress Code Procedures and pursuant with Regulation 86 of the *Education Regulations 2012*.

### RATIONALE

We believe that a school dress code:

- contributes to whole school unity and pride
- develops individual self-esteem through the feeling of “belonging”
- contributes to the development of a supportive school environment by reducing levels of competitive dressing
- supports social justice initiatives by relieving parents and students of pressures to purchase high cost brand name clothing
- develops a positive image of Para Hills School in the wider community
- assists staff in identifying strangers in the school grounds and therefore enables staff to ensure a greater level of safety for students
- assists in identifying students during excursions and in the school grounds
- maintains sufficient choice for individuals.

### ***The items which are acceptable are:***

**Black (plain) bottoms** - shorts – minimum 15cm inside leg measurement, bike pants and leggings to be worn under skirts/dress, track pants, trousers, cargo pants, netball skirts and black jeans (not faded).

**Red or White only tops** - Windcheaters, jumpers, polo shirts, skivvies, cardigans, jackets, uniform items as per school stock.

**Hats Red** - Bucket hats (with a minimum of 5cm brim), broadbrim which protect ears and neck. Hats must be worn from 1<sup>st</sup> August through to 30<sup>th</sup> April. Sun Safe compliance hats are available from the school.

**Hair** - Long Hair – should be tied back for safety reasons/head lice control.

*Hair colouring is only allowed for approved school events – E.G. Sports Day, Book Week Parade, only using ‘wash in wash out’ colourant products*

**Footwear** - Rubber soled shoes or sandals with backs. These meet safety standards and do not limit involvement in educational programs. It is not necessary for footwear to be in school colours.

**Jewellery** - Studs, sleepers, (one per ear only) a watch and medic alert bracelets.

**Belts** - Plain black functional.

### ***The items which are not acceptable are:***

- Any colours that are not our school colours e.g. Black tops
- Clothes with writing or pictures that are larger than a 50c coin
- Make-up, nail polish or nail extensions
- Bleached / Permanent hair colour not allowed
- Low cut tops or trousers
- Tattoos
- Baseball cap
- Thongs, clogs, platform, slip-on and high heeled shoes which are heavy or slip off easily. These are not suited to active involvement in learning activities
- Hoop and drop earrings, (multiple piercings) bracelets, rings, necklaces and jewellery associated with body piercing. Decorative fashion belts.
- Aerosol containers must not be brought to school eg deodorants, body spray and mousse/gel.

## Exemption

As outlined in departmental guidelines, the Principal may exempt a student from the school dress code after receiving a written request from a parent/caregiver of each student based on the following grounds:

- Religious (clothing or adornments, unless the item poses an unacceptable risk to safety)
- Cultural or ethnic
- New students (time to purchase, wear previous uniform)
- Itinerant and mobile students
- Genuine medical or family sickness reasons, and
- Other additional grounds as the Governing Council/Principal may determine.

To minimise the possibility of conflict, the Principal must ensure sensitive and careful consideration

### Please note:

- It is recommended that those girls wearing skirts or dresses; wear bike or sports pants underneath. This will avoid embarrassment when they participate in physical education and play on equipment.
- Parents/caregivers are not compelled to purchase garments through the school.
- Clothing should be clearly labelled, thus reducing the amount of unclaimed lost property.

## IMPLEMENTATION

Parents/Caregivers of all students attending Para Hills School are responsible for ensuring that their child(ren) wear colour coded, acceptable items of clothing to school and excursions.

We will continue to:

- have a Year 6 Commemorative top
- support the Cancer Council SA Sun Smart policy – wearing of hats as recommended 1 August – 30<sup>th</sup> April
- **acknowledge students wearing school colours at assemblies and in the newsletters**

## CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

- If a student is unable to comply with the dress code for a short period of time (1-2 days), a note of explanation from the parent, in the diary, on the day in question, needs to be sent to the class teacher.
- At play-times, any child who is not wearing a hat from 1st August through to 30th April will need to sit in a designated area.
- Students who fail to comply with the dress code policy will be given a note to be sent home. Students who fail to comply with the dress code policy on three occasions will meet with senior staff to determine consequences.

## REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed regularly and will involve Governing Council and staff.

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