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HPS School Uniform Requirements

The wearing of a school uniform fosters a sense of school community, increases a sense of belonging and engagement, promotes health and safety and encourages pride in self and school.

Students in uniform also represent our school and therefore play a central role in the presentation of Hastings Public School to the broader community.

Aims

- To promote equality among 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.
- To be compliant with health and safety considerations.

Implementation

- The Uniform Policy applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Students are expected to wear the correct school uniform appropriate to the season or the activity. This includes the Hastings branded jumper.
- Hastings sports uniform shorts, grey bottoms (school grey colour) or Hastings branded tracksuit pants can be worn on any school day with the Hastings polo shirt.
- On formal occasions or excursions, students must wear grey bottoms (school grey colour). The school will notify families when formal wear applies.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Safety clothing should be provided and worn when required eg. sport.
- Hastings Public School is a SunSmart school. All students are required to wear the school bucket hat when outside. We endorse the policy - *No Hat, Play in the shade.*
- All students should wear comfortable, supportive and enclosed footwear.
 - Black footwear with school uniform.
 - Suitable sport shoes for sports days.
- For safety reasons and to guard against breakage or loss, wearing jewellery is to be kept to a minimum. Acceptable jewellery includes a wristwatch, a single pair of plain ear studs or sleepers and no coloured nail polish.



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NON-COMPLIANCE WITH UNIFORM POLICY

- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via student assistance for families experiencing economic hardship.
- Students who come to school with hats, jumpers etc. that are not part of the school uniform will be asked to leave those items of clothing in their bag. The school will endeavour to provide these students with the loan of a clean school hat or jumper for the day. When these items are returned to the office, they will be put aside for laundering prior to being lent to another student.

Responsibilities and delegations

The Hastings Public School community expects students to wear the school uniform in a neat and presentable manner.

- A request for a change to the existing uniform should be directed to the principal. Consultation with staff, students and parents is required using research, surveys and analysing feedback.
- Should the school wish to change the uniform, parents, and as far as practicable, the retailers concerned must be notified. The school should announce its decision early in the year proceeding the year in which the change is to be introduced.
- Once uniform changes are endorsed by the school community, the principal needs to identify and be responsive to economic, personal and social factors.
- School uniforms should be chosen wisely with easy-care fabrics selected.

P&C Uniform shop

- Uniforms can be purchased from the on-site uniform shop. The uniform shop also gladly accepts the donation of good quality second-hand uniforms and provides an opportunity for families to purchase second-hand clothing.
- All new enrolments, including Kindergarten enrolments, receive a school hat free of charge (funded by the P&C).

It is essential that all items of clothing are clearly marked with the student's name.

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