



# PARK LAKE STATE SCHOOL – DRESS CODE 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.

Park Lake State School has a compulsory school uniform approved by the school's Parents and Citizens' Association.

## **School community beliefs about the importance of the Dress Code**

The Park Lake State School P & C supports the uniform because it believes that a student dress code provides clothing that aims to contribute to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:

- easy identification of students and non-students at school fostering a sense of belonging
- developing mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic or social differences
- promoting an effective teaching and learning environment by eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at the school

## **UNIFORM**

Students are expected to wear the formal uniform on assemblies, special occasions and excursions unless otherwise advised. We encourage students to wear the formal uniform as much as possible. Sports uniform is acceptable for all days other than assemblies and other advertised days. Note that assemblies usually fall on a Monday, should your child have PE on a Monday, sports uniform is appropriate.

### **SUMMER UNIFORM**

|               | <i>Prep – Year 5</i>   | <i>Years 6</i>   |
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| <b>FORMAL</b> | Check Shirt and black skorts /shorts<br><br>All bottoms should be longer than mid thigh length<br><br><i>Please note that skirts with bike pants underneath do not class as skorts</i> | Check shirt and black skorts/ shorts<br><br>All bottoms should be longer than mid thigh length<br><br><i>Please note that skirts with bike pants underneath do not class as skorts</i> |
| <b>SPORTS</b> | School Polo shirt with ALL black shorts/skorts   | Senior Polo shirt or School Polo shirt with ALL black shorts/skorts  |

### **WINTER UNIFORM**

In addition to, or in place of the Summer Uniform the following items may be worn

|                            | <b>All Year Levels</b>  |
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| <b>FORMAL &amp; SPORTS</b> | Plain black track pants<br>School jumper or school jacket with logo<br>Plain black jumper or jacket – no markings, logos or hoods allowed<br>In addition students may wear the following items <b>UNDER</b> black skorts / shorts:<br>- Black full length leggings/footed leggings tucked under socks OR black tights |

### **FOOTWEAR - ALL STUDENTS**

Shoes must be completely **black shoes** (not slip on), either lace up, buckle or Velcro – leather or leather-like. White markings on shoe or sole, or any logos that are not completely black are not allowed. Socks must be black or white.

## HEADWEAR – ALL STUDENTS

Black broad brimmed hat with Park Lake SS Logo

- All hair at or over collar length is to be plaited, braided or tied back (boys and girls)
- School issued hair bands, clips and ties sold via uniform shop permitted (school blue or black); plain black or school blue hair ribbon permitted; natural coloured bobby pins or clips – no JoJo/cheer bows or other hair bands/clips permitted.
- Dyed hair (of an unnatural colour) or mohawks/tracks are not permitted.
- Students riding bikes, scooters and skateboards are legally required to wear helmets

## ACCESSORIES

### JEWELLERY

The following jewellery items are permitted:

Watch

1 pair of small plain sleepers or stud earrings in the ears

Medical alert bracelet or necklace

Items of significant religious belief with permission of the Principal, worn under clothing.

No other articles of jewellery may be worn. This includes facial, body or tongue piercing. Other jewellery may be '**unsafe for the student or others**' as such items could become caught in play equipment or could come into contact with another student causing injury. Students will be requested to remove all jewellery during sporting activities.

### OTHER GUIDELINES

Lip stick, coloured lip gloss/balm and make-up are not permitted.

Nail polish is not permitted

**Any additional clothing worn beneath the uniform is required to be unseen – no long sleeve shirts under polo or formal shirts.**

## CONSEQUENCES

- Students out of school uniform (which includes hats, shoes and accessories) may be asked to change into an appropriate item from the bank of uniform items held at the school. Students not wearing school uniform will be ineligible to represent the school away from the campus.
- Students without a valid excuse for not wearing a uniform, or frequent offenders may be required to attend planning room, or be removed from activities if attire is unsuitable or unsafe for participation.
- Students who do not have a sun-safe hat for PE will not be able to participate. We are unable to loan hats due to health and safety.
- Students who do not have a hat will have restricted play options during breaks (see SunSmart policy).
- A student wearing other jewellery will be asked to remove the item and if necessary give it to the teacher for safe-keeping for the remainder of the day.
- Students wearing make-up or coloured nail polish will be asked to remove it immediately.
- All students (male and female) will be asked to tie back long hair.
- Non-wearing of helmets is against the law and if necessary the police will be contacted.

**Should a circumstance arise where a student is unable to wear uniform, a note from parents needs to be provided to the office with an explanation. A short term uniform pass may be issued. Note this is not available on a long term basis.**

**Parents/Caregivers can be notified by telephone/letter that their child is not complying with the Student Dress Code and the consequences herein.**

**Should a student choose to be persistently out of uniform, parents/caregivers may be called to a meeting at the school to further discuss and resolve the matter.**