

School Policy Student Dress Code

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Rationale:

The Makybe Rise Primary School community, through the School Board, believes that the wearing of a school uniform promotes a sense of school identity. The School Board has determined that a school uniform should be worn for students Kindergarten to Year 6.

Purpose:

- 1. To foster and enhance the public image of our school.
- 2. To assist in building our school pride and team spirit.
- 3. To ensure students are safely dressed for specific school activities.
- 4. To encourage equity among students, eliminating peer competition about what everyone is wearing at school.
- 5. To prepare students for work, as many work places have dress and safety codes.
- 6. To provide protection against skin damage from the sun.
- 7. To make students easily identifiable.

Guidelines:

1. DRESS CODE

- Boys: Navy cargo shorts or navy cargo pants; Makybe green polo style T-shirt with logo, navy long sleeve shirt (worn under the polo when cold), navy Makybe jacket with logo, navy Makybe broad brimmed, bucket hat. Makybe Tribe shirt may be worn on Wednesdays and Fridays unless the school instructs a change of day or uniform requirement. (Wednesdays only for Kindergarten children).
- Girls: Navy skort, cargo shorts or navy school tailored pants, navy tights; Makybe green polo style T-shirt with logo, navy long sleeve shirt (worn under the polo when cold), navy Makybe jacket with logo, navy Makybe broad brimmed, bucket hat. Makybe Tribe shirt may be worn on Wednesdays and Fridays unless the school instructs a change of day or uniform requirement. (Wednesdays only for Kindergarten children).
- Shoes: Joggers, school shoes or sandals. (Thongs, crocs, ugg boots, high boots or footwear with higher heels are not considered to meet the Health and Safety requirements for school).

Inappropriate footwear may result in exclusion from Phys Ed activities due to safety considerations.

Tracksuit pants are not an acceptable part of school attire at any time.

<u>NB</u>: A '<u>**NO HAT, NO PLAY'**</u> policy operates all year round.

Make Up: Students are not permitted to wear any make up, including nail polish.

Jewellery/Earrings/Body Piercing:

- Students may have ears pierced and wear small stud earrings or sleepers.
- Other body piercing and decorative jewellery are not permitted.
- Watches are encouraged.
- Medicare Alert bracelets will be permitted; please ensure the school is aware at enrolment.

Hair: Hair should be worn neat and off the face (shoulder length hair to be tied back).

- Students with long hair not tied back will be excluded from relevant curricular sessions.
- Headbands and ribbons must be in school colours.



Temporary Tattoos: Students are not permitted to wear visible temporary tattoos.

2. ENROLMENT

Parents and students will be informed of the Makybe Rise Primary School dress code at the time of enrolment. Acceptance of enrolment at this school assumes an agreement between the school, the parent/guardian and the enrolling student, that the student will dress within the guidelines of the school dress code. Any grounds for exemption should be raised and agreement reached at this time. If the dress code is unacceptable, parents have the right to apply for admission to a school where the dress code reflects their preference.

3. FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES

Families who may experience financial difficulties regarding the purchase of a uniform should contact the Principal to seek a solution.

4. MODIFICATIONS TO THE DRESS CODE

Parents of students who for religious or health reasons, may wish to modify the school dress code, are required to make an appointment with the Principal or a Deputy Principal. Staff will be informed of any student granted a modification to the dress code.

5. SANCTIONS

Students not complying with the dress code will be counselled and resolution of their concerns sought. Noncompliance with the dress code where exemptions have not been sought, will result in a student being prevented from attending any activity in respect of which the student is representing the school. This includes activities in school or out of school hours, and will include representative teams of participants or spectators in areas of sport, drama, music, excursions, incursions and school social functions.

6. EXEMPTIONS

The grounds for exemption or modification relate to student health, cultural considerations, religion or any other matter which, in the Principal's opinion, is sufficient to exempt a student from dress code requirements.

<u>The exemption must be negotiated with the principal at the time of enrolment</u>. Provision for temporary exemptions will be made to accommodate new students and the non-availability of components of dress code items, or where there is significant change to student circumstances.

A copy of any exemption record will be provided to the student's parents and teachers, and placed on the student's file.

7. CHANGES TO THE DRESS REQUIREMENTS

Changes to the dress requirements will be kept to a minimum. All changes will be carried out in consultation with:

- The School P&C Committee.
- The School Board.
- The Student Leadership Team.

A 12 month transition period will occur when any future changes are made to the dress requirement, as set by the School Board.