



## ORMISTON STATE SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE DEVELOPED 2011

### Rationale

The community of Ormiston State School supports and approves the wearing of the school's uniform by our students. The adoption of a Dress Code for students is established under Part 10 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. Students attending Ormiston State School are to wear the designated school uniform and adhere to the school's dress code unless an exemption has been granted by the school Principal.

The wearing of a school uniform identifies those students attending Ormiston State School and presents a united image to the public, being easily identifiable in the wider community. The school uniform also contributes to the creation of a sense of pride in being associated with our school, which has a reputation of excellence in the academic, sporting and cultural development of our students. The school uniform also contributes to the sense of order and discipline within our school environment.

### Operational Principles

- The school uniform as outlined in this policy document is to be worn at all times to, from and during school, except during interhouse events (such as track and field, cross country and swimming carnivals) when t-shirts in the house colour can be worn. Year 6 students may also wear the "Year 6" polo shirt.
- An exemption from wearing the school uniform will be granted in cases of genuine conscientious objection, eg bona fide religious, cultural, medical grounds. In such cases, the parent or caregiver is to apply in writing to the principal for an exemption, stating the reason for the genuine conscientious objection.
- Any student who leaves the school grounds on an excursion or as part of a sporting, social or cultural event must wear the complete school uniform as specified. Students participating in official school photographs must also wear the complete school uniform as specified.
- Shoes (no platforms or high heels) are to be black in colour and must be worn with socks – grey for boys, white for girls. Open shoes such as thongs and sandals are not permitted. "Wheelies" and other similar type shoes are not permitted to be worn. Black "Runners" or "Joggers" are acceptable. Shoe laces must be black in colour.
- The winter uniform may be worn during cold weather. Currently, this consists of a blue zippered jacket (boys and girls) and pants – grey for boys, blue for girls. Additionally, girls are permitted to wear blue tights (full length, including toes) under skorts or dresses. Different coloured jumpers, coats and long pants are not permitted.
- Hats **must** be worn for all open outdoor activities, including Physical Education lessons. The school hat is of a bucket style and is blue. If a student does not have a hat, they are confined to play in areas that have built cover and can be accessed without walking in the open – "No Hat, No Open Play". Prep students wear a light blue hat for the duration of their Prep year.
- Make-up, nail polish (excepting clear), face glitter, face paint and inappropriate/extreme colouring and styling of the hair are not permitted.
- For safety reasons, the only jewellery items permitted are a plain wristwatch, discreet studs or sleepers for pierced ears, a medical alert and/or an item of religious or cultural significance. The parent needs to apply in writing, giving an explanation of the religious or cultural significance of the item. The item is to be worn underneath the shirt or dress. Permitted jewellery **must not be worn** in activities where it is deemed unsafe to wear jewellery.

- Should a student who does not have an approved exemption be out of uniform, the parent is requested to provide an explanation to the school, either in writing or in person. The school will contact parents of students who are repeatedly out of uniform and without a note of satisfactory explanation.
- The school will maintain a small bank of donated uniform items for students who present without the full uniform and do not have an exemption, as well as for those students whose families are unable to provide the school uniform due to financial disadvantage and/or transience.
- Where the parent or the school has provided uniform items for a child but the child refuses to wear them, then it will be considered a refusal to comply with a policy decision of the school community (this will not apply in cases of exemption). Such non-compliance will be subject to sanctions as outlined in our School's Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students in accordance with Part 10 Section 362 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006. These sanctions will not include exclusion, suspension or cancellation of enrolment. Consequences for non-compliance with the dress code will be in accordance with Section 362 Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 and may include:
  - Detention in accordance with section 283 (3) of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006;
  - Prevention from attending, or participating in, any activity for which the student would have been representing the school;
  - Prevention from attending, or participating in, any activity that, in the reasonable opinion of the Principal, is not part of the essential educational program of the school.
- Where particular items are required for participation in interschool sporting activities these must be worn.
- **All uniform items should be clearly labelled with the student's name and class.**
- **The school uniform consists of:**
  - Dress Shirt (boys) or Blouse (girls)
  - Blue Polo shirt with logo (boys & girls)
  - Grey shorts (boys)
  - Royal blue skorts (girls)
  - Grey socks (boys) that cover ankles
  - White socks (girls) that cover ankles
  - Black Runners/Joggers or school shoes
  - Blue bucket style hat
  - Blue zippered jacket
  - Grey long pants (boys)
  - Blue tracksuit pants or full length tights with toes (girls)
- **Options no longer produced:**
  - (Limited stock still available, but once current stock is exhausted it is unable to be replaced)
  - School dress
  - Blue dance pants (girls)

## Conclusion

The Student Dress Code forms part of Ormiston State School's Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students.

Endorsed by Ormiston State School P&C Association: 11 April 2011