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Palmerston District Primary School Dress code and Colour Standard

Introduction

The following guidelines have been developed to support the Department of Education's School Uniform Policy. They aim to assist school communities to recognise the benefits of school uniforms that are supported by parents, students and staff.

Where a school uniform is agreed upon by the school community students are likely to wear it with pride.

Benefits of school uniforms

The wearing of school uniforms by students will assist school communities in:

- defining an identity for the school within its community
- developing students' sense of belonging to the school community
- providing an opportunity to build school spirit
- enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
- reinforcing the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment
- increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school
- promoting positive community perceptions of public education
- Making school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes.

Strategies to recognise and encourage the wearing of uniforms

Positive approaches to recognise and encourage students who wear school uniform may include:

- formal recognition of groups of students at assemblies or by other means
- reference to the uniform as part of recognition and promotion of the spirit of the school
- positive comments in school reports about individual students who support the school ethos, have pride in their school and represent it well
- broader community and in workplaces
- staff modelling of those standards
- involvement of student representative councils and other student bodies in developing, discussing and promoting school uniforms
- Consideration of alternative uniform items suggested by students which meet uniform requirements, but may be better styled, easier to look after, or more comfortable.

Palmerston District Primary School Dress and Colour Code

All students at Palmerston District Primary School are expected to adhere to the following dress and colour code unless an exemption is granted.

Boys

- Single colour navy blue shorts or long pants
- Jade colour polo shirt
- Single colour navy Blue jacket or jumper
- Enclosed footwear
- Navy blue Broad brim, bucket or legionnaire style hat

Girls

- Single colour navy blue shorts, skirt or long pants
- Jade colour polo shirt
- Single colour navy Blue jacket or jumper
- Enclosed footwear
- Navy blue Broad brim, bucket or legionnaire style hat

Senior Students

Students in year five and six will be permitted to wear a school designed senior school shirt that complements the colour and design of the existing school uniform.

Non compliance or failure of a student to uphold the required dress standards

To support students to wear their school uniform Palmerston District Primary School will;

- Inform student's parents or carers of the incident where a student is not wearing the uniform, and discuss further with the parents or carers, a representatives of the school and the student to prevent recurrence
- Implement a process of conflict resolution or mediation if a student persistently wears inappropriate dress after discussions have been held with parents or carers
- offer appropriate item/s from a bank of clothing/uniforms held at the school to families who are experiencing financial hardship
- prevent the student from attending any activity in which the student would have been representing the school
- prevent the student from attending or participating in any school activity which, in the opinion of the Principal, is not part of the educational program
- Preventing participation in specific activities where dress standards, colour code or school uniform are key requirements.

Special considerations

In resolving matters of student dress standards, colour code or uniforms the principal must consider:

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- mobile families requiring sufficient time to purchase items of dress
- the unavailability of an item
- a matter relating to the student's health
- economic hardship requiring special arrangements, or an extended period of time to purchase new items of dress
- conscientious objections, for example objections raised on any reasonable religious or cultural grounds