Palmerston District Primary School *Dress Standard and Colour Code Policy*

**Policy Statement**
All ACT Public Schools have a uniform, colour code or school dress standard. The uniform at Palmerston District Primary School may include colour code as well as the official uniform with logos attached.

**Rationale**
The school colour code or uniform reflects community standards and is consistent with occupational health and safety, anti-discrimination, equal opportunity legislation and the Education and Training Directorate’s *Sun Protection* policy.

**Definitions**

*Dress Standard*
A dress standard is a detailed written statement of the expectations that Palmerston District Primary School holds regarding student appearance.

*Colour Code*
School colour code refers to the colours chosen by the original Palmerton District Primary School’s Board to represent the school for uniforms and other items of identification. The colours of Palmerston District Primary School are teal and blue.

*School Uniform*
A school uniform consists of a limited range of clothing that identifies students as belonging to Palmerston District Primary School.

**School Uniform**
All students are expected to wear school uniform and take pride in being a part of Palmerston District Primary School. Where uniform is not available for some reason, it is desirable that students wear the school colour code. The school colour code for Palmerston District Primary School is teal and blue.

The Palmerston District Primary School uniform is outlined in the table below.
GIRLS
- Single colour navy blue shorts, skort, skirt or long track pants
- Teal colour polo shirt
- Single colour navy blue jacket or jumper
- Enclosed footwear
- Navy blue broad brim, bucket or legionnaire style hat
- Blue beanie in winter
- Navy blue winter dress
- School dress in plaid pattern

BOYS
- Single colour navy blue shorts or long track pants
- Teal colour polo shirt
- Single colour navy blue jacket or jumper
- Enclosed footwear
- Navy blue broad brim, bucket or legionnaire style hat
- Blue beanie in winter

All students to wear a blue broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hat.

Responsibilities
Students attending Palmerston District Primary School are expected to come dressed in school uniform or colour code during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when engaged in school activities out of school.

Students are reminded of the school dress standard through class meetings and assemblies as well as individually when required. Students will not be disadvantaged where required dress standards are not available because of circumstances beyond their control.

Parents are informed in writing of the school’s *Dress Standard and Colour Code* policy which is found on the school website and displayed in the school foyer. Parents are informed of the school uniform and where it is available when they enrol their children.

Palmerston District Primary School Parents & Citizens association operates a second hand uniform shop at the school offering preloved items and regularly advertise opening hours. All parents and their children have equal access to these items of clothing as needed either by contacting the P&C or the Palmerston District Primary School Front Office.

Teachers and other school staff model appropriate dress standards for students by dressing in a professional manner at all times.
Non-compliance with dress code
All students at Palmerston District Primary School are expected to meet the dress standard unless an exemption has been granted.

Strategies used to deal with non-compliance of a student to uphold the required dress standard include:

- positive reinforcement and encouragement of responsible behaviour,
- the offer of appropriate items from the Palmerston P&C second hand uniform pool,
- informing parents or carers of non-compliance to prevent reoccurrence, and
- implementing a process of mediation if a student persistently wears inappropriate dress after discussions have been held with parents or carers.

Special Considerations
The Principal will consider the following when resolving matters of student dress standards:

- mobile families,
- unavailability of an item,
- student’s health,
- economic hardship,
- conscientious objection for religious or cultural reasons, and
- an exemption to wearing dress standard granted by the Principal.

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