SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

The School Council of Albert Street Primary School commits all children to the wearing of school uniform and dress practices that reduce the potential for harm through over exposure to the sun.

RATIONALE:

This commitment is based on an acceptance of the following beliefs:

- The wearing of school uniforms creates a sense of collective and individual pride in students and their school.
- The wearing of school uniforms provides a sense of identity when participating in excursions and interschool activities.
- The wearing of school uniforms enhances individual student safety and group security.
- The wearing of school uniforms reduces the potential for competition amongst children.
- The wearing of school uniforms provides the opportunity to minimise family tension when making decisions about what to wear to school.
- The wearing of school uniforms assists families by providing an alternative to the wearing of 'normal', more expensive clothing items.

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES

- The wearing of school uniform is expected and parents are actively encouraged to dress their children in the prescribed uniform.
- Colours for the uniform consist of bottle green, gold and black. Details of the school uniform will be widely publicised and issued to all new enrolments.
- A uniform shop will be maintained for the sale of new and second-hand uniforms. Parents may purchase the uniform from the school, local retailers and/or make their own. A screen printed school logo for non-school supplied uniforms will be available at a small cost.
- Year 6 children will be provided the opportunity to purchase a commemorative garment each year. School Council will review the School Uniform Policy and its implementation annually.
- Parents should ensure all garments and footwear are clearly labeled with names. The school will endeavour to return found items to their owners.
- Found items whose owners cannot be identified will be sold through the school’s Uniform Shop as second hand items or disposed of through charity organizations.
SCHOOL HAT AND SUNSMART POLICY

The School Council of Albert Street Primary School adopts a policy of *no hat - play in the designated shade area* during terms 1 and 4. The policy applies for each day of the terms 1 and 4 regardless of weather conditions.

- Children who do not wear a broad-brimmed or legionnaire styled hat when outside must play in the designated shade area or alternatively, be directed to another location at the discretion of the principal. E.g. indoors
- During outdoor Physical Education lessons and sport in terms 1 and 4 children not wearing a hat will be directed to an inside location.
- Staff will be expected to wear appropriate hats when outside during terms 1 and 4.
- All parents will be expected to send their child or children to school with their own sunscreen for personal use as appropriate. It is recommended parents instruct children in the correct use of sun block according to the manufacturer’s instructions. The school will have limited supplies of sunscreen available for school activities held outdoors during terms 1 and 4.
- The school encourages all parents to send their child or children to school with sunglasses that conform to Australian Safety Standards.
- This policy prohibits wearing clothes that may potentially overexpose a child’s skin. Garments prohibited include items such as singlets, tank tops, bare mid-rift tops, etc.

FOOTWEAR

The School Council of Albert Street Primary School expects all parents to send children to school wearing appropriate footwear for the activities in which they are asked to participate.

- Inappropriate footwear leads to accidents because of heel height, sole substance (grip), poor fitting, unsuitable design and/or constructions, excessive wear, etc.
- To protect the safety of children wearing of thongs and open toed footwear is not permitted at school or activities undertaken outside the school grounds.

JEWELRY AND MAKE UP

The School Council of Albert Street Primary School considers wearing of excessive jewelry to be inappropriate. There is the potential for long earrings, sleepers, rings, bracelets, etc. to be caught on other children’s clothing and cause injuries and tearing of skin. The School Council of Albert Street Primary School recommends only studs be worn to school.
The School Council of Albert Street Primary School considers the wearing of make up, including nail polish, is inappropriate for wearing to school.

POLICY REVIEW

School Council will make a review of this policy annually. Parents and staff will be given the opportunity to have input into the review.