

# **WESTGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 5365.**

## **UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE POLICY**

### **RATIONALE:**

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instills recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the dress code.

### **AIMS:**

- To promote equality amongst all students
- To achieve a sense of pride in oneself and the school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment
- To encourage unity and a sense of identity within the community
- To ensure the safety of all children

### **IMPLEMENTATION:**

- School uniform dress code applies during school hours, while traveling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions
- School uniforms are prescribed as set out over page and are required to be worn by all students
- The school will ensure that all dress code requirements enable all children to participate actively and safely in school life.
- Consistent with the School Sun-Smart Policy, Sun-Smart hats must be worn outside from the beginning of September to the end of April. They are available for purchase through the school office
- For safety reasons, stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- Appropriate footwear must always be worn and for safety reasons open toed footwear, thongs, high heels and skate shoes are prohibited
- Students are not to wear false nails to school
- Netball skirts are not a school uniform option
- Skivvies and T-shirts worn under polo shirts must be navy blue.
- Students to have a neat, tidy and clean appearance at all times. Westgrove School Uniform is available for purchase at Rushford's School Wear in Werribee
- The price lists and ordering information is available on the school website, at the school office and is a part of the enrolment pack provided to the family of all new enrolments.
- New or changed clothing items introduced over a transition period.
- The uniform dress code, including details of uniform items and place of purchase, will be published on the school newsfeed at the start of each year
- Sample uniform to be on display.
- Verbal encouragement given to children to maintain neat and tidy appearance.

- The school community to reinforce uniform dress code.
- The school will contact parents/carers of students who are consistently out of school uniform, to negotiate strategies which support student uniform policy compliance
- The Principal will make provision to assist families experiencing difficulty meeting the dress code requirements.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the dress code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health conditions or economic hardship must do so through the school Principal

**EVALUATION:**

This Policy ratified at School Council on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Next Review date: 2020

