



PAGEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Abstract

Schools are required to review and document school uniform requirements in consultation with their communities and to develop strategies for the wearing of school uniforms. School uniforms should reflect community standards and be consistent with occupational health and safety, anti-discrimination and equal opportunity legislation.

Context

The DET supports the wearing of school uniforms by students and the upholding of high standards of dress by students and staff.

Policy statement

Our school uniform consists of a limited range of clothing, including footwear and headwear, identifying students as belonging to this school. It is expected that the uniform will be worn correctly during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when engaged in school activities out of school hours.

Choice of uniform

In developing the PPS uniform package, the following points have been considered:

- The health and safety of students;
- Our community's standards and expectations; and
- Consultation with the community, both parents and students.

Principles

Decisions about the school uniform were consistent with OH&S, anti-discrimination and EEO legislation.

Formal consultation with parents and the P&C was undertaken, based on participatory decision-making principles.

The school's uniform policy has taken into account the diverse nature of the student population in the school. It aims not to disadvantage any student. Economic, personal, social and cultural factors affecting students and their families were considered when deciding on items of uniform. Other considerations, such as body shape were taken into account in making a final decision on the design and fabric of the school uniform.

Consideration has been given to choosing boys' and girls' uniforms of comparable cost.

The school's uniform policy and school uniform requirements will be reviewed at least every five years and amended where necessary. Groups within the school community may also seek a review when circumstances change significantly or issues arise. The next scheduled review will be in 2020.

Procedures and Standards

Implementing school uniform requirements

Positive reinforcement and encouraging responsible behaviour are the preferred approaches to ensuring students wear the school uniform.

Everyone has a role in setting the standards for the school. Teachers and other school staff model appropriate standards for students. They should dress in a professional manner at all times.

Suspension or expulsion solely for non-compliance with uniform requirements will not occur. Student enrolment will not be contingent upon adherence to school uniform policy.

Students will not be disadvantaged where required uniform items are not available because of circumstances beyond their control.

Conscientious objections by parents to the wearing of school uniform will be respected.

Responses to students who do not wear uniform may include: notifying parents; school service e.g collecting papers; exclusion from optional activities such as competitive sport; or, in more persistent or defiant cases, lunch-time detentions. These responses have been agreed upon by the school community through the P&C and documented. Responses will not prevent students from continued participation in essential curriculum activities except where exclusion is necessary for reasons of safety. In this situation, alternative educational activities will be provided.

Up to two years will be allowed for families to make the change after a uniform review.

The school has a small fund of "Student Assistance". Parents may apply to the principal, where necessary, for support from this fund for uniforms. There is also a pool of second-hand clothing.

Responsibilities and Delegations

It is the responsibility of the principal to ensure that the school uniform policy is developed and reviewed collaboratively with the school community.

The principal oversees the shared responsibility for ensuring that students are encouraged to wear school uniforms that meet agreed community standards and adhere to legislative requirements.

The principal will provide parents or carers with the school's uniform policy and school uniform requirements.

Short term exemption or informal exemption may be provided to a student where temporary circumstances prevent the wearing of school uniform. A note of explanation should be sent to the principal.

The uniform shop is open every second Thursday from 9:15am-9:45am.