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UNIFORM POLICY

NAMADGI SCHOOL



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Uniform Policy – Namadgi School

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1. What is this policy about?

- 1.1. This policy outlines the importance of wearing school uniform.
- 1.2. The primary purpose of school uniform is to create a sense of belonging and community pride.
- 1.3. Our school uniform plays an important role in promoting a positive image of our school and ensures all students are easily recognisable as belonging to Namadgi School.

2. Policy Statement

- 2.1. We believe that school uniforms create a stronger sense of school identity which leads to improved student wellbeing. Wearing school uniform promotes a sense of belonging between students and promotes the safety of students through easier identification.

3. Who does this policy apply to?

- 3.1. This policy applies to all Namadgi School students, inclusive P-10.

4. Context

- 4.1. Namadgi School aims to create a positive, inclusive learning environment that recognises and respects the diversity of cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds in our school community. School Uniform plays an important role in this and should offer a diversity of options at affordable costs.
- 4.2. Young children benefit from a balance, transdisciplinary curriculum which, daily, not only includes all key learning areas but also includes structured physical activity and unstructured play. To facilitate this school uniform options are flexible, comfortable and practical. The School uniform also provides adequate sun protection and warmth during cold weather.
- 4.3. School uniform promotes unity and equity and reduces perceived or actual peer pressure about the clothing that students wear to school.
- 4.4. Wearing school uniform prepares students for the life and work environments they will experience in their future, helping them learn the importance of appropriate neat and respectful presentation.

5. Responsibilities

- 5.1. All staff at Namadgi School are responsible for overseeing that all Namadgi School students are wearing School Uniform when at school and representing Namadgi School within the wider school community.

- 5.2. Where students do not wear school uniform this will be followed up through Executive Teachers, Deputy Principals and Principal.
- 5.3. **Principal:** The Principal will be responsible for implementation but there may be other people (e.g. teachers, executive) who have direct responsibilities.
- 5.4. **Policy Owner:** Namadgi School is responsible for this policy.

6. Monitoring and review

- 6.1. The Policy Owner monitors the policy. This includes an annual scan of operation and review. A full review of the policy will be conducted within a three-year period.
- 6.2. Namadgi School will review this policy in **March 2023**

7. Contact

- 7.1. For support contact Namadgi School on 02 6142 0900 or email info@namadgi.act.edu.au

8. Complaints

- 8.1. Any concerns about the application of this policy or the policy itself, should be raised with:

- the school principal in the first instance;
- the Family, Students Complaints and Feedback team on (02) 6205 5429.
- online at https://www.accesscanberra.act.gov.au/app/forms/etd_liaison_feedback ;
- See also the Complaints Policy on the Directorate's website: <https://www.education.act.gov.auReferences>

8.2. Definitions

set out relevant definitions here in alphabetical listing. For policy documents, include only those essential to understanding the policy.

- **Dress standard:** A dress standard is detailed written statement of the expectations that a school board holds regarding student appearance. Dress standards require primary and high school students to wear a school uniform and will define specifications for garment design. Dress standards for students attending a college will set out broad guidelines as to the appearance of students which may or may not include a school uniform.
- **Formal style uniform:** a formal/traditional style consists of clothing with neat appearance which may include collared shirt with buttons down the front, dress trousers and/or shorts, skirts, dresses, knitted jumpers, and blazers.
- **Parent/s:** Includes all people who have parental responsibility for a child or young person.
- **School Uniform:** A school uniform consists of a limited range of clothing, including footwear. It identifies students as belonging to a particular school.

8.3. Legislation

- Discrimination Act 1991
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992
- Human Rights Act 2004
- Racial Discrimination Act 1975
- Work Health and Safety Act 2011

8.4. Implementation Documents

- Dress Standards and Uniforms in Canberra Public Schools Policy
- Dress Standards and Uniforms Procedure
- Dress Standards and Uniforms Guideline
- Dress Standards and Uniforms Fact Sheet
- Offering students equitable uniform options
- School Prospectus

8.5. Related Policies and Information

- Namadgi School – SunSmart Policy
- Sun (UV) Protection for Students Policy

Link to Directorate Dress Standards and Uniforms in Canberra Public Schools Policy

https://www.education.act.gov.au/publications_and_policies/School-and-Corporate-Policies/student-administration/uniforms/dress-standards-colour-codes-public-schools-policy/dress-standards-and-uniforms-in-canberra-public-schools-policy