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Uniform Policy

The Penshurst West Public School community supports the wearing of school uniforms by students and the upholding of high standards of dress by students and staff. The P&C and school council endorse the wearing of the school uniform. The school uniform was decided by survey and meetings of interested parents and is in place for a period of 3 years when it will be reviewed and amended where necessary.

The Penshurst West Public School Uniform is expected to be worn during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and while engaged in school activities out of school hours. **Uniforms are expected to be in a clean and tidy state.**

The wearing of school uniforms by students will assist the school community to:

- define an identity for the school within its community
- develop students' sense of belonging to the school community
- provide an opportunity to build school spirit
- enhance the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- promote a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
- reinforce the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment
- increase the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school
- promote positive community perceptions of public education
- make school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes.

Full school uniform is expected on excursions unless there is a decision by teachers for other appropriate clothes to be worn. School uniform on an excursion includes a school hat and black school shoes.

Implementing school uniform requirements

The whole school community has a role to play in encouraging the meeting of the standards set by the wearing of our uniform.

Responses to students who do not wear uniform include:

- Initially students should present a written explanation from a parent/caregiver as to the need to be out of uniform, to be handed to the classroom teacher.
- A non-school hat is considered a "no hat" and students are to only play in the shade shelter area.
- Where a student fails to wear the agreed school uniform, or part thereof, written advice will be provided to the parent/carer. Students who fail to wear the uniform will be unable to attend any events in which they represent the school outside of the school including excursions, sport or cultural activities. Alternative arrangements for meeting the curriculum will be provided.
- Where students are repeatedly out of school uniform without explanation parents will be contacted by the principal

Up to three years will be allowed for students to make any changes resulting from a uniform review. The previous school uniform (eg White shirt) may be worn until 2011. No new stock in the old uniform style will be ordered.

Contact with the Principal should be made if the non-wearing of school uniform involves financial hardship, or any other extended reason. There are also some items available through the second-hand clothing pool.

- The school uniform has been endorsed by the school council. Old uniform stock will no longer be sold. The official school hat is now the surf hat and no new caps will be available. The wearing of a surf style hat is recommended by the Cancer Council and endorsed by the P&C and School Council.