UNIFORM POLICY

Purpose:

1.1 The wearing of a uniform has a positive effect on school tone and discipline and helps in establishing a sense of pride and identification within the school.
1.2 The school uniform is designed to be practical, economical and to eliminate competition in dress.
1.3 Wearing of the school uniform promotes safety and assists with the supervision of students.

Broad Guidelines:

2.1 Maximum effort will be made to keep cost as low as practicable.
2.2 Every family to be made aware of the current school uniform.
2.3 Parents of new students to be shown the uniform and the uniform policy on enrolment.
2.4 Teachers to encourage children to wear uniform.
2.5 No changes to be implemented unless confirmed by the Education Committee and School Council with a realistic lead time i.e. 6 months.
2.6 An out of uniform notice will be given to any child out of uniform. It is to be signed and returned the following day stating the reason why the uniform was not worn.
2.7 This policy conforms to Department of Education and Early Childhood Development guidelines on the development and implementation of Student Dress Codes (section 4.8) as at the date of the latest policy review.
2.8 The uniform policy is compliant with both state and federal human rights and anti-discrimination legislation (as per section 4.8.2).

Implementation:

3.1 The uniform comprises a combination of:
   • Dress - White and red (introduced Semester 2010), green and white gingham with white colour and cuffs (to be phased out by end of 2011).
   • Tunic - grey
   • Shorts – all black above the knee, no logos
   • Black pants: tracksuit pants – all black, cuffed into the ankle (elastic or ribbed), or straight legged pants, fleecy lined or cotton, non-shiny, no logos, waisted.
   • Bootleg pants (as regulated by the recommended supplier of school clothing, ‘Primary School Wear’)
   • School windcheater / bomber jacket - red with MPPS motif
   • Skivvy - red or black
   • Polo-shirt - red with MPPS motif
   • Socks - white or black (no patterns, prints or lace), visible above the shoe, covering the ankle.
   • Tights – black (Winter only)
   • Shoes – all black leather school shoes, all black running shoes (black laces only), all black ankle boots.
   • Grade 6 windcheater - red with MPPS motif (special orders only for each year)
   • Sports uniform - stipulated sports clothing (Mentone Park PS official sports shirt for Years 5 and 6) and footwear to be worn on sports days
   • Hat red - wide brimmed or legionnaire style with MPPS motif
   • Hair accessories – plain black, red, white, ribbons/scrunchies/headband
• Plain hair clips – black, brown or silver
• Items of jewellery are not permitted with the exception of plain standard sleepers or studs, in the earlobes only, watches and religious items.
• The wearing of nail polish and make-up is not permitted.

3.2 A range of school uniform items will be sold by Parent Club at the uniform shop located near the Hall.

3.3 A note from parent/guardian is required if a student is not in uniform.

3.4 School disciplinary procedures will be enforced if students are out of school uniform.

**Evaluation:**

4.1 Children consistently wearing school uniform.