**Moe (South Street) Primary School 4662**

***‘Positivity, Accountability, Respect, Teamwork’***



**Dress Code (Uniform)**

**1. Rationale or Purpose**

This policy is concerned with encouraging children to take pride in themselves & the school without discrimination. It is believed that children are sometimes discriminated against when they do not have the same clothes as others or compete in fashion items and brand names. When there is no uniform it is difficult to establish a sense of school identity when on excursions etc. A school dress code develops a sense of pride and belonging to the school.

**2. Policy Statement**

All children are to wear a uniform. School uniforms are cost effective whilst giving parents and children plenty of choice through the wide range of recommended uniform clothing available. Wearing the uniform also lessens peer group pressure to keep up with the latest fashions and allows children to appreciate and enjoy their leisure clothes.

**3. Implementation**

* Parents are expected to maintain their children in the prescribed uniform.
* Uniform colours are navy blue and white.
* Details of specific items of uniform will be widely publicised.
* Only the South Street Logo may be used.
* Items of uniform should be readily available through the local stores, while selected new and second hand items may be available through the school.
* All clothing should be labelled with child’s name to reduce the chances of loss.
* All children will be encouraged to wear prescribed hats and sunscreen whilst outdoors during the summer months.
* All parents will be expected to buy the uniform as soon as possible for the new school year.
* Students will be expected to wear the preferred uniform each school day.
* Uniform information will be provided through the Newsletter and Information Booklet and at parent information meetings.
* All prospective students and parents will be notified of the dress code requirements prior to enrolment at our school.
* The disciplinary measures used to enforce our School Dress Code will be consistent with our School’s Student Code of Conduct and with the Statewide Student Discipline Procedures, 1994.
* Our school council will develop a process for exemptions so that it is able to comply with its obligations under equal opportunity laws.

The process of exemptions will include:

* grounds for seeking an exemption.
* procedures for seeking an exemption.
* procedures for granting an exemption.

(Refer to Website Dress Code Exemptions Below)

* The uniform shall consist of:

Navy or White polo shirt.

Navy or Navy/gingham shorts.

Navy windcheater.

Navy or White cardigan or jumper.

White shirt.

Gingham dress.

Navy or white skivvy.

Navy trackpants.

A broad brimmed or bucket hat, with or without the logo.

Fully enclosed shoes

**ADDENDUM** (Added 20/3/2007)

In addition to the above the School Council wished to draw attention to the fact that external jewellery (other than sleepers and studs through the ears) is excluded at school. This has been done for safety reasons in order to protect not only the child wearing it but also other children. This is mainly for those items of jewellery such as nose rings and eyebrow bolts. Finger rings and other items of jewellery may still be worn, at the Principal’s discretion.

**4. Evaluation and review**

This policy will be reviewed according to the School Council Calendar Policy Review

**5. Definitions**

Nil

**6. References**

Further information can be obtained on the following website:

Dress Code Legislation:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/management/Pages/exemptions.aspx>

Dress Code Exemptions: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/management/Pages/exemptions.aspx>

States School Relief

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/management/Pages/stateschoolsrelief.aspx>

**7. School Council Ratification**

This policy was ratified by School Council on 13th December 2017