

# UNIFORM POLICY



## **Rationale:**

The wearing of a uniform instils a sense of pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the Emerson school community. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Emerson School uniform. It enhances the safety of students through early identification of persons not belonging to the school and in the management of students participating in off-campus activities.

## **Aims:**

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To provide a dress code that supports OHS guidelines applicable to the school environment.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

## **Implementation:**

The Emerson School Council expects all students to wear correct school uniform. Pastoral teachers will encourage and motivate their students to continue this practice as part of the curriculum and classroom management procedures.

A school uniform policy agreement for parent/carer signature will be incorporated in the student planner.

The following procedure will be implemented for students who are not wearing a school uniform:

1. A phone call will be made to the parents for the student informing them that it is School Policy for all students to wear their uniform to school. An offer of support will be made to help solve the problem.
2. An official letter will be sent, via the post, explaining that their child is out of uniform and contravening School Policy. This letter will be co-signed by the Principal and President of School Council.

## **Uniform Assistance Program**

When phone calls and letters are sent to parents, every attempt will be made to find a positive resolution to ensure students comply with school uniform standards. Where appropriate students will be issued with a compatible shirt or jumper.

## **The Emerson Uniform**

- White polo shirt and navy blue shorts or pants.
- Male students have the option of wearing grey shorts or trousers.
- All students have the option of wearing a navy blue jumper or navy blue bomber jacket.
- Female students have the option of wearing the official school dress in summer and official pinafore/skirt in winter.
- In line with Department Sun Smart Policy, all students are expected to wear a hat while out side to prevent skin cancers.
- Students are expected to wear safe and appropriate footwear.
- Due to occupational health and safety concerns, body piercing, jewellery, tattoos, stretcher/shapers and sleepers are banned, however, students can wear a pair of studs in their ear.
- Extreme hair colours or haircuts are NOT allowed.
- Male students must be clean-shaven.

Official uniform supplier: **Beleza Pty Ltd.** Contact: 95408577

## **Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's regular policy review process.

Emerson School Council last ratified this policy in

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