



SOUTH COOGEE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNIFORM GUIDELINES

Rationale:

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

Aim:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- 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:

- After consultation with the school community (P&C Association) and the Student Representative Council, the school has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are on school excursions.
- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms, will be prescribed and are required to be worn.
- Year 6 t-shirts can be worn on class sport day and Fridays only in Terms 2 & 3. Then everyday in Term 4 as part of their leadership incentive or pride
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Hair ties and accessories are to be school colours (blue & white) and shoulder length hair tied up for all students.
- Extreme hair colors (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats consistent with our 'No Hat – Shade Play Policy'. They must be worn outside during recess, lunch, sport and any other outside activity. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Parents and Citizens Association will operate the school Uniform Shop and will operate a second hand uniform pool for parents.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- The entire school community will be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal.

Unacceptable clothing includes: bright-coloured clothing, board shorts, bike shorts, hot pants, singlet tops, representative jerseys, supporter sport shorts, socks and jumpers.

We appreciate your support.