

Uniform Policy

Rationale:

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instills recognition of themselves as an integral part of the Vermont Primary 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 Uniform Code. Students are expected to dress in complete school uniform in a way that reflects a sense of pride in their school and themselves.

Aims:

- To maintain the school's atmosphere, identity, prestige, tone and spirit
- To provide safety for students when on excursions or within the community
- To promote within the students a sense of pride and school identity and enhance the supervision and safety on excursions
- To provide clothing that is practicable, presentable and affordable
- To eliminate peer group pressure to wear less appropriate clothing to school

Implementation:

- Students wear the Vermont Primary School uniform on a daily basis unless exemption has been granted by the Principal, in line with DET policy. As with all other areas of financial difficulty, parents will be encouraged to make arrangements with the Principal regarding provision of uniform items for their children.
- Parents/Carers seeking exemptions to the school's uniform requirements due to religious beliefs, cultural background and/or student disability must apply in writing to the school's Principal with supporting evidence.
- The school uniform should consist of items from the designated list. The uniform will be smart, durable, safe and comfortable, for children's participation in physical education or sport. Tights are not to be worn with shorts or Summer uniform and track pants are not to be worn with Winter or Summer dresses unless exemption has been sort from the Principal in writing.
- Students participating in interschool sport and excursions, or representing the school at outside activities, wear the appropriate school uniform.
- A special commemorative windcheater and polo shirt will be offered to all Year 6 students purchased at parents' expense.
- Parents are to be strongly encouraged to affix name tags to all items of uniform.
- The uniform will conform to the requirements of equal opportunity legislation.
- All items of school uniform are available through Primary School Wear. A second hand uniform shop is also available to parents at the school on a monthly basis and operates for a minimal profit margin. A current uniform list is to be made available to parents on a regular basis.
- Vermont Primary Uniform Code will be in line with the School's SunSmart Policy.

- A Vermont Primary School SunSmart approved hat is a compulsory part of the school uniform as recommended by the Cancer Council of Victoria. Hats should be worn whilst outside in Term One and Four. Hats should not be worn indoors.
- Make up and coloured nail polish may not be worn at school.
- No face piercings are acceptable.
- For health and safety reasons:
 - Single stud or sleeper earrings worn in ears, plus watches and medical alert bracelets are the only acceptable jewellery.
 - Long hair, i.e. shoulder-length and longer, must be tied back for all students, regardless of gender.
 - Extreme hairstyles and unnatural hair colour are not acceptable (exemption may occur for approved fundraising days).
- Students wearing non-uniform items will be asked to remove these items and a loan uniform will be provided for the day.
- Parents/Carers seeking exemptions to the school's uniform requirements due to religious beliefs, cultural background, student disability, must apply in writing to the school's Principal with supporting evidence. Scarves and other items worn in respect of cultural background are to be in the school colour of navy blue, exemptions can be made by request to the Principal.

The uniform is:

Item	Description
Winter pleated Pinafore with logo	Vermont PS tartan
Polo Shirt long or short sleeve with logo	Sky blue
Socks	Short white socks
Tights	Navy blue
Summer Dress	Specialty check
Shorts	Navy blue
Sport shirt with logo (Year 5 and 6	Navy blue
Track suit pants	Navy blue
Bomber Jacket with logo	Navy blue
Zip Hooded windcheater with Logo	Navy blue
Hats (Term 1 and 4) with logo	Navy blue - Available from office
Runners – no marking sole	No sandals or thongs to be worn
Scarfs & gloves	Navy blue
Sunglasses	Optional
Hair ties, head bands and clips	Blue, must be small
Earrings in Gold/silver/blue small sleepers or studs.	Sleepers to be no more than 1 cm in diameter.

No non-logo items of uniform will be accepted.

Policy Review

Updates will take place annually, official review on 3 year cycle in accordance with DET.