

Out of uniform notice



Tuesday, May 03, 2011

Dear Parent,

In keeping with the Department of Education guidelines, Somerville Rise Primary School Council has established a dress code for its students. This Student Dress Code is made under an Order by the Governor in Council granting School Councils the authority to create and implement a Student Dress Code for their students. The Student Dress Code sets out Somerville Rise Primary School Council's expectations with regard to student appearance and applies during school hours and when students are engaged in school activities out of school hours.

The School Council has developed the Dress Code for the following reasons:

- To create a sense of collective and individual pride in students and their identification with the school;
- To remove the sense of competition in dress which can often cause distress amongst students; and
- To improve the safety of Somerville Rise students by making them instantly recognisable in any group when the students are on school excursions.

For the above reasons, the School Council has decided that all students attending Somerville Rise Primary School will wear clothing in a style and colours which are in keeping with the school uniform.

To be dressed in accordance to the Somerville Rise Primary School Dress Code students must conform to the following:

- The clothes worn must not have a commercial label or commercial logo visible on them

Windcheater/bomber jacket:

- School windcheater or bomber jacket (a plain navy blue windcheater is acceptable)

Shirt:

- Jade or navy t-shirt or polo shirt (with or without school logo)
- Year 6 students may wear their specific school shirt

Pants:

- Pants must not have a stripe on them of any type or colour.
- Pants worn must not have an external pocket on them (i.e. navy blue cargo pants are not acceptable)
- Pants do not have to be any particular length
- Navy blue track suit pants (with or without a cuff)
- Navy blue gabardine pants (no external pockets allowed)
- Navy blue shorts (no external pockets allowed)
- Navy blue boot leg pants (not jeans)

Note: Cords or denim (of any colour) are not acceptable as part of the Dress Code.

Dresses:

- Summer dress (in school material, available from Beleza)
- Winter tunic (in school material, available from Beleza)

Other Dress Code issues:

- Scarfs and head wear of any description can only be worn outside (this includes bandanas).
- Scrunchies and hair adornments should be in the school colours (i.e. jade and/or navy blue)



- Students must not wear “unnatural” hair colours to school (i.e. bright purple would be considered an unnatural hair colour)
- No makeup of any description is allowed to be worn at school. (This includes nail polish)
- Shoes need to be suitable for the activities at school (i.e. school shoes, runners). Open toed shoes, sandals or thongs are not permitted for safety reasons.
- No excessive or loose jewellery should be worn to school. Earrings worn should be sleepers or studs. Necklaces, bracelets, bangles etc. should not be worn to school. This is a safety issue and also prevents loss or damage to expensive items.

All items purchased at Beleza conform to the school’s Dress Code and offer parent’s peace of mind in regards to Dress Code compliance. Items may be purchased at other outlets but must conform to the standards detailed above.

It has come to my attention that your child is not complying with the Student Dress Code and no note has been received or contact made with the school to seek an exemption.

Exemption of the Student Dress Code will be granted where:

- An aspect of the code offends the religious belief held by the student;
- An aspect of the code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of his ethnic or cultural background;
- An aspect of the code prevents students with disabilities from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students;
- The student has a particular health condition that requires an aspect of the code to be departed from.

In the case of where the parents can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the code arrangements can be made with me by contacting the school.

In instances where parents do not support the Student Dress Code the School Council has determined the following procedure:

- 1) The principal will send a standard letter to the parent reminding them of their responsibility in ensuring the adherence to the school’s Dress Code.
- 2) If this fails to solve the matter, the Principal will arrange a meeting with the parents to discuss the matter.
- 3) If no satisfactory explanation is received or compliance to the Student Dress Code is not shown then the matter will be referred to the School Council.

I would appreciate you complying to the Student Dress Code as soon as possible. If you feel you have grounds for exemption (as detailed above) or financial circumstances prevent you from complying with the code, please contact me at the school as soon as possible.

Should you require a copy of the Student Dress Code please do not hesitate to request one from the school office.

Yours sincerely,

**ANDREW FELSINGER
PRINCIPAL**