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## **SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY**

School Board Issue Date: 2016 Review Date: At the discretion of the Board

Related Document: Uniform Procedures, Behaviour Policy and WH&S Policy

## Rationale:

Gold Creek School promotes excellence in all that it does. The school expects students to take pride in their appearance through the wearing of the correct uniform. The uniform identifies children with their school, promotes student allegiance and it also acts as a means towards providing equality amongst children, regardless of socio-economic background. The wearing of a uniform unites the school publicly, as well as being practical. The uniform supports occupational health and safety issues of safe and practical clothing particularly in workshops and practical areas.

## Aims:

The school community, through the authorisation of the School Board, considers that the wearing of school uniform:

- contributes to school unity and school pride
- develops a sense of belonging
- develops a positive image of Gold Creek School in the wider community
- assists with the safety and care of students by identifying them on the school grounds and while on excursions
- reduces competitive dressing and supports social justice by relieving parents and students of pressures to purchase expensive brand name clothing.

## **Implementation**:

- The School Board endorses the Principal's authority to implement the approved Uniform Policy.
- An explanatory note from parents is required to be sent to their child's Tutor Group Teacher if the child is not wearing the correct school uniform.
- Sports shoes are to be worn to sporting carnivals and physical education classes only.
- Students must be in full school uniform when attending excursions, unless otherwise stated on the permission form.
- All members of the school staff are conscious of their role in implementing this policy by setting an example in their own neatness and appropriateness of dress and by ensuring that students are properly attired when attending school.

Linda Baird Principal David Vernon Board Chair