Para Hills Schools
DRESS CODE POLICY

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the Education Regulation 189A of the Administrative Instructions and Guidelines, Governing Councils are authorised to determine the school dress policy. On October 29th 2002, the Governing Council passed the following motion:

“The Council endorsed the implementation of a uniform policy offering a specific range of colour coded items.”

RATIONALE

We believe that a school dress code:
• contributes to whole school unity and pride
• develops individual self esteem through the feeling of “belonging”
• contributes to the development of a supportive school environment by reducing levels of competitive dressing
• supports social justice initiatives by relieving parents and students of pressures to purchase high cost brand name clothing
• develops a positive image of Para Hills Schools in the wider community
• assists staff in identifying strangers in the school grounds and therefore enables staff to ensure a greater level of safety for students
• assists in identifying students during excursions and in the school grounds
• maintains sufficient choice for individuals
## Para Hills Schools’ Dress Code Policy

**The items which are acceptable are:**

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<th>Black</th>
<th>The items which are not acceptable are:</th>
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<td>Clothes including, shorts, bike pants, track pants, trousers, cargo pants, netball skirts, leggings and black jeans.</td>
<td>• Any colours that are not our school colours.</td>
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<td><strong>Red or White</strong></td>
<td>• Clothes with writing or pictures that are larger than a 50c coin.</td>
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<td>T-shirts, windcheaters, jumpers, polo shirts, uniform items as per school stock, cardigans, jackets, skivvies.</td>
<td>• Make-up and nail polish.</td>
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<td><strong>Please note:</strong> Only White or red tops NOT black. Only black shorts, skirts or trousers.</td>
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<td><strong>Hats:</strong> Broad brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hats (with a minimum of 5cm brim) which protect ears and neck. These must be worn all year.</td>
<td>• <strong>Low cut tops or trousers.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Footwear:</strong> Rubber soled shoes or sandals with backs. These meet safety standards and do not limit involvement in educational programs.</td>
<td><strong>Please note:</strong> Aerosol containers must not be brought to school eg deodorants, body spray and mousse/gel.</td>
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<td><strong>Jewellery:</strong> Studs, sleepers, a watch and medic alert bracelets.</td>
<td><strong>Footwear:</strong> Thongs, clogs, platform, slip ons and high heeled shoes which are heavy or slip off easily. These are not suited to active involvement in learning activities.</td>
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<td><strong>Belts:</strong> plain black functional.</td>
<td><strong>Jewellery:</strong> Hoop and drop earrings, bracelets, rings, necklaces and jewellery associated with body piercing. <strong>Decorative fashion belts.</strong></td>
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**Hats:** Baseball cap.

| For exemptions for health, religious or cultural reasons, please contact one of the principals. |

**Please note:**

- It is recommended that those girls wearing skirts or dresses, wear bike or sports pants underneath. This will avoid embarrassment when they participate in physical education and play on equipment.
- Parents/caregivers are not compelled to purchase garments through the school.
- Clothing should be clearly labelled, thus reducing the amount of unclaimed lost property.
IMPLEMENTATION

Parents/Caregivers of all students attending Para Hills Schools are responsible for ensuring that their child(ren) wear colour coded, acceptable items of clothing to school and excursions.

We will continue to:
• have a Year 7 top
• support the “have hat-can play” policy (no hat-sit in the shade)
• acknowledge students wearing school colours at assemblies and in the newsletters

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

• If a student is unable to comply with the dress code for a short period of time (1-2 days), a note of explanation from the parent, in the diary, on the day in question, needs to be sent to the class teacher.
• If a child from the Junior Primary does not have an appropriate hat for a sports or physical education lesson, the child will be sent to the office to borrow one. A note will be entered into his/her diary indicating that the child needed to borrow a hat. The hat will be cleaned by staff after use.
• At play-times, any child who is not wearing a hat will need to sit in a designated area.
• Students who fail to comply with the dress code policy will be given a note to be sent home. Students who fail to comply with the dress code policy on three occasions will meet with senior staff to determine consequences.

REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed regularly and will involve SRC, parents and staff.