Vincentia Public School

Policy - School Uniform and General Standards of Appearance

This policy has been prepared in consultation with students, staff and parents and the school council.

Rationale
This community expects that this school insist on sensible standards of appearance. The Department of Education and Training requires students to conform to these acceptable standards. It is our aim to foster pride in our school, assist in the development and maintenance of tone and good conduct and reduce to a minimum undesirable distinctions, because of clothing and general appearance, between children in the same school.

An understanding of the importance of personal neatness, appearance, presentation and self discipline is an important learning experience for all students who will one day enter the workplace where such attributes are highly valued.

Policy
The school community supports the wearing of the school’s uniform by students at school and in the course of school activities. Details of the school’s uniform policy are attached. The school community has decided on the standards contained in this policy and expects the Principal to be responsible for ensuring that students comply with these requirements.

It is the responsibility of the Principal to ensure that this information is conveyed to all parents and students
• a request to not wear inappropriate or unsafe jewellery, clothing or clothing with markings that are not suitable for display to the general school community.

Hair
It is expected that all students will be well groomed and keep their hair clean and tidy.

Hair Dyeing
Natural hair colouring is acceptable providing a combination of two or more colours is not used. Permanent Non natural hair colouring is not acceptable. eg green, pink, blue, etc. or streaking using colours.

Non permanent hair colouring may be permitted on special occasions as determined by the school. eg a disco

Hairstyles
Hairstyles that are deemed to be “way out” are not acceptable. eg Mohawk style, checkerboard patterning, lettering or other noticeably exaggerated “fad” styles.
Hair accessories are limited to unobtrusive adornments. eg bands, scrunchies/elasticas, clips and ribbons.
**Jewellery**
No body piercing other than a maximum of two studs or sleepers per ear is acceptable. Studs and sleepers may be needed to be removed in order to participate in some sporting activities. Safety requirements dictate that bangles, bracelets, earrings (other than studs or sleepers), necklaces, rings etc. are not permitted to be worn at school. Students may be requested to remove unsafe jewellery and the articles would be kept in a safe place until the end of the school day.

**Makeup**
Make up is not permitted apart from those times where it is used in the context of a special performance, e.g., a dance or drama performance. Only clear nail polish may be worn. Tints and colours are not acceptable. Nails are to be kept at a length that will not cause injury to others and students may be asked to cut their nails if they are deemed too long.

**Tattoos**
Temporary tattoos are to be discouraged at all times.

**Hats and Clothing**
In addition to the uniform policy, it is to be noted that clothing or hats bearing offensive pictures or wordings are not suitable and children will be asked not to wear such articles.

*Where a student has religious or cultural or other reasons to deviate from the above policy they may make written application for exemption in part to the Principal.*

**BICYCLE RIDERS:** For children riding their bikes to school, an approved Safety Helmet is an obligatory part of school uniform, i.e. **must be worn.**

**NEW UNIFORMS:** New uniforms and material and patterns for home making of uniforms are available at the school canteen. Ask at the school office for further details.

**NEW ENROLMENTS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS:**
If your child is transferring from another school, and has a uniform from that school which is still quite serviceable, it may be worn in lieu of the above until a new uniform is acquired.

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**EXEMPTIONS**
As per the 2004 DET policy document, 1.7.5: Conscientious objections by parents to the wearing of school uniform should be respected. Should a family provide a reason for the non-wearing of an article of clothing, an exemption may be granted in accordance with DEC policy.