AIMS
To promote equality amongst all students which will further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school. This will lead to maintaining and enhancing the positive image of the school in the community.

RATIONALE
A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the 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 Dress Code as the school aims to provide durable clothing that is practical for our school environment as well as promote the safety of our students. It also helps to prevent bullying and competition on the basis of clothing and prepares students for the expectations of workplaces.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES
Yea Primary School is a full uniform school. It is an important security issue that all students are clearly identified by full school uniform. The School Council sets the uniform and the Principal and staff are required to enforce it. The school expects the co-operation of parents in maintaining a high standard of neatness and conformity with the students’ uniform, as well as in general appearance. Items must be official Yea Primary School wear, as displayed and sold in the uniform shop.

After consultation with the Parents’ and Friends’ Committee, School Staff and School Council we have developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.

The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions or representing the School.

The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and place of purchase, is published in the newsletter. School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for the implementation of the Dress Code.

Arrangements can be made to subsidise uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.

DEFINITION - Dress Code
• is a written statement of School Council expectations regarding student appearance
• applies:
• during school hours
• while travelling to and from school

when students are engaged in school activities out of school hours may:
• define standards for the general presentation of students
• set out broad guidelines about student appearance
• require students to wear a school uniform
• define specifications for garment design and colour.
List of School Council Approved School Uniform

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SCHOOL PROCEDURES – Dress Code

1. The uniform is to be in good condition and worn with pride.
2. Students will wear the correct School uniform as per this policy. A note from a parent is required if a student is not able to wear complete uniform for a brief period.
3. Yea Primary School Sun hats must be worn in Terms one and four which is consistent with the Yea Primary School Sunsmart Policy and optional school beanie in winter. Students must wear the School hat in the grounds but hats are not to be worn inside the school buildings.
4. Ear piercing is the only form of body piercing permitted. Small sleepers or studs are permitted. No jewellery apart from watches.
5. Multi coloured and unnatural hair colours (e.g. green, pink, blue, red, orange or purple) and/or extreme hair styles (e.g. Mohawks) are not permitted except on Special School days.
6. Royal Blue, Navy or White coloured ribbons, scrunches or clips are the only colours allowed in students’ hair. Long hair must be tied up.
7. No visible garments are to be worn under the uniform. E.g: long sleeve tops under short sleeve shirts
8. No coloured nail polish is to be worn.
9. No cosmetics including coloured lip gloss is to be worn at school however plain coloured lip balm is allowed.
10. No tights are to be worn under the girls’ Summer School Dress.
11. No slip on shoes can be worn.
RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents and Caregivers

It is the responsibility of the parents/carers to ensure their child attends school in correct uniform and complies with the School’s Dress Code.

All Parents/Carers should ensure that they provide sufficient uniform items to allow for a change of clothing throughout the week, and to accommodate laundering.

All Parents/Carers must ensure that uniform items are not torn, hems/sleeves are not frayed (unkempt) and that all hems are sewn appropriately.

Parents/carers should ensure all garments are clearly named and easily identified as their child’s uniform.

All Staff

All staff are responsible for ensuring that all students are in correct uniform at all times. All staff members must report any student who is out of uniform to the Principal.

CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE

Students out of uniform or with an unkempt uniform, who have the required items at school, will be instructed to change. Students out of uniform or with an unkempt uniform, who do not have the items at school, will be provided with clothing out of the second hand uniform shop to change in to and parents will be contacted to discuss payment.

Related Documents.

Education and Training Reform Act 2006
DEECD - Implementing and Enforcing Dress Codes
DEECD - Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Requirements
Victorian Equal Opportunity Act 1995 – Section 40
Education and Training Regulations 2007 - Section 16(1)(c)
Equal Opportunity Act 1995

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