



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure consistent expectations across the school in regards to student school uniform. Newcomb Park Primary School has a strong sense of community both as a school and as part of the local community. The school's uniform brings a clear sense of identity and connection to both the school and the community of Newcomb.

Children who are strongly connected to their school and engaged with the school community have a greater sense of belonging and the enhanced sense of security that comes from this. Consequentially they have higher levels of self-esteem and are better learners as a result. A school uniform closely linked to the Newcomb community's identity through the choice of Navy, Teal and White as the uniform colours increases this connectedness internally between students and externally to the town. A consistent uniform presents a positive public image especially when children are participating in activities outside the school.

POLICY

As members of our school community we commit to the following:

1. The school's colours are navy, teal and white
2. All children are expected to wear appropriate clothing in the school's colours.
3. Uniform should be accessible to all families.
4. The school's uniform (see images below) must be worn to school and to public events e.g. photographs, presentations in assembly, excursions and as notified by the school.
5. The school's uniform includes uniform items with the school's logo or plain navy/teal/white items. Items in other colours or with other logos or decorations are not a part of school uniform and may not be worn at school.
6. The year 6 students have polo shirts and jumpers that can be worn in their final year of school.
7. The Prep students may wear their transition T shirts during their Prep year.
8. From time to time the school will hold a non-uniform day to support our community fundraising activities. Parents and children will be given advance notice of these days.
9. Parents may purchase the Newcomb Park Primary School uniform from the school offices. All items are held in stock and if sizes are short can be ordered and delivered to the school office.
10. The school will work collaboratively with families to ensure that their children are able to wear an appropriate uniform and are not disadvantaged by economic circumstances.
11. All clothing should be clearly labelled.
12. Second hand uniform is made available at the school office.

Health and Safety Considerations:

1. Newcomb Park Primary School is a SunSmart school. Consequently during terms 1 and 4 children are required to wear a broad brimmed hat when outside – i.e. broad brimmed,



legionnaires, bucket style. Children without a hat must remain under cover in shaded areas at all times.

2. Safe and suitable footwear must be worn; footwear must have a covered toe section.
3. For Health and Safety reasons the wearing of jewellery is not permitted except for watches and stud / sleeper earrings.
4. Long Hair should be tied back.
5. Children not wearing approved school uniform will be asked to change into uniform where possible. Where children are regularly out of uniform their parents will be asked for an explanation. If this becomes a persistent problem there will be a meeting between parents and school to discuss the best strategies for ensuring children are wearing the correct uniform.
6. Parents of all children will be informed of the school's uniform policy.
7. Exceptions to the uniform policy can be agreed with the principal on the grounds of religious beliefs, health or culture.

CONCLUSION

A consistent school uniform develops a cohesiveness within the school's culture and promotes children's self-esteem and belonging. The school will work with all members of its community to ensure that all children are able to access and wear the correct formal and informal uniform.

REVIEW CYCLE

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