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BACKGROUND

The Dress Code was introduced by School Council in 1996. It was updated in September 2008 and November 2012. The code, which includes the school uniform, is school policy and takes precedence over students' individual preference in matters of dress.

School Council has carefully considered the key criteria set down in the 'Education Act 2008' in the development of the Code. As such, School Council believes the Code is:

- Respectful of the cultural norms of the school community
- Suitable for students in regard to the tasks and functions required at school
- Reasonable and contemporary
- Appropriate in consideration of health and safety

SCHOOL COLOURS AND LOGO

The school colours are navy, red and gold. The school logo (in the school colours) features a 'jumping' K and continuing swirl to create a large circle. A small circle is above the K and the words, Kingsville Primary School appear below.

CLOTHING

The Dress Code requires all students to wear school uniform every day, unless they are covered by an exemption (detailed in this document). The exception to this is any 'casual/costume' days as approved by School Council.

The uniform consists of:

- a. Items as outlined in the School Uniform List and available from Primary Schoolwear (PSW)
- b. Items purchased elsewhere that match our school colours (red top, navy bottom) and style and have no other logo, writing or decoration on them
- c. A combination of the above

PRIMARY SCHOOL WEAR (PSW)

The majority of uniform items are supplied by PSW, an external provider of uniforms, and can be purchased at the Uniform Shop in store (Deer Park) or online at www.psw.com.au. PSW believes their products are high quality, fast delivery and value for money. To contact PSW direct please call 9581 3333.

FOOTWEAR

The Dress Code requires all students to wear suitable, safe, closed in footwear, which allows them to participate in the full range of school activities. **School Council highly recommends black school shoes or plain white or black runners with a non-marking sole.** Thongs, sandals, crocs and slip on party type shoes are not permitted.

HATS

Sun hats are compulsory from 1st September to 30th April, in line with *The Cancer Council Victoria's SunSmart Program*, an internationally recognised skin cancer prevention program. Students must wear either a navy legionnaire hat or a navy slouch hat. Both are available from the Uniform Shop.

From May to August, hats are not compulsory however students may continue to wear a sun hat or plain navy beanie.

BAGS

All students require a functional school bag, with their name clearly marked. **School Council highly recommends the Kingsville Primary School bag** available from the Uniform Shop.

RELIGIOUS HEADWEAR

Students may wear religious headwear, such as a hijab or kippah. However, **School Council highly recommends these are in the school colours.**

DRESS CODE EXEMPTION

School Council, in compliance with equal opportunity law, provides grounds for exemptions when the Dress Code:

- Offends a religious belief by the student or parent
- Prevents a student from complying with a requirement of his/her ethnic background
- Prevents a student with a disability from being able to attend school or participate in school activities
- Is not suitable for a student with a particular health or size condition
- Is not suitable for a student when the parents can demonstrate particular economic hardship

When a request is made and granted, the Principal and School Council President consider what type of exemption is required. Partial modification of dress requirement rather than complete exemption is investigated. A child who gains a partial exemption is still required to wear other items in school colours.

Requests for exemption are kept by the Principal in the strictest confidence.

YEAR 6 SIGNATURE ITEM

Year 6 students, with their teacher/s, may design a signature uniform item, that includes the school logo. This item requires approval from School Council during the conceptual stage and should be presented to School Council prior to the end of Term one each year.

REVIEW OF THE DRESS CODE

School Council carries out a yearly review of the Dress Code and reports on this via School Council meetings. If a change is deemed necessary, to reflect emerging safety issues or any significant changes within the school community, consultation regarding the proposed change is carried out. The change is then communicated to the school community.

COMMUNICATION OF THE DRESS CODE

Prospective students and parents are notified of the Dress Code prior to enrolment and opportunities to view and order the school uniform items are provided. It is also available on the school website or by request.

OBSERVING THE DRESS CODE

If a student is not dressed according to the Dress Code, the following course of action is undertaken:

1. Phone call and/or note sent home
2. Copy of the Dress Code is sent home to be read, signed and returned
3. Follow up phone call, if required

If the student continues to not comply with the Dress Code, constructive communication between the Principal, Assistant Principal, student and parents begins. Parents are required to provide reasons why their child is not conforming to the Dress Code. These reasons are immediately investigated and acted upon by the Principal, with appropriate assistance, as required.

HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

For healthy and safety reasons, the following criteria must be adhered to by all students:

- Jewellery (excluding small earrings or studs and watches) is dangerous and not permitted. Religious or cultural significant jewellery must be worn inside clothing at all times.
- Fingernails must be short and clean.
- Shoulder length hair and longer must be tied back.
- Students should be dressed appropriately for weather conditions and the activities they are involved in.

OTHER INFORMATION

For information such as ordering online, Uniform Shop hours and exchanges, please contact PSW direct at www.psw.com.au or call 9581 3333.

For any other information regarding the Dress Code please contact the Principal on 9314 5869.

SCHOOL UNIFORM LIST

All items (except hair accessories and religious headwear) are available from the Uniform Shop on site or online at www.psw.com.au

BOYS

- Red short sleeve polo with red collar and navy stripes and logo (Uniform Shop)
- Red long sleeve polo with red collar and navy stripes and logo (Uniform Shop)
- Navy polar fleece vest with logo (Uniform Shop)
- Red and navy bomber jacket with logo (Uniform Shop)
- Red windcheater with logo (Uniform Shop)
- Navy legionnaire hat with logo and/or navy slouch hat with logo (Uniform Shop)
- Navy shorts
- Navy trousers
- Navy raincoat
- White or navy socks

GIRLS

- A-Line summer dress in Kingsville PS fabric (Uniform Shop)
- Skort Kingsville PS fabric (Uniform Shop)
- Tunic with detachable bib (Uniform Shop)
- Red and navy bomber jacket with logo (Uniform Shop)
- Red long sleeve polo with red collar and navy stripes and logo (Uniform Shop)
- Red short sleeve polo with red collar and navy stripes and logo (Uniform Shop)
- Navy polar fleece vest with logo (Uniform Shop)
- Red windcheater with logo (Uniform Shop)
- Navy legionnaire hat with logo and/or navy slouch hat with logo (Uniform Shop)
- Navy culottes
- Navy trousers
- White or navy socks
- Navy raincoat
- Navy tights

OTHER ITEMS

- Navy school bag with logo (Uniform Shop)
- Hair accessories in navy, red or gold
- Winter neck scarves in navy, red or gold

SPORTS UNIFORM

Sports tops are available to all students and can be ordered through PSW. These tops are not compulsory but may be worn at:

- Weekly P.E. lessons
- Participation in athletics
- Interschool sports

The alternative to the sports top is a red polo.

SPORTS TEAMS

Students participate in a range of summer and winter interschool sports. A sports uniform is required for these teams, which is made up of:

- School supplied sports top
- Student's sports top or red polo
- Navy shorts or navy culottes

FOOTBALL

- School supplied long sleeve red and navy blue top
- Navy shorts

SOCCER

- School supplied long sleeve red and navy blue top
- Navy shorts

CRICKET

Students are encouraged to wear white however, if this is not possible, students can wear:

- Student's sports top or red polo
- Navy shorts

ALL OTHER SPORTS (including athletics)

- Student's sports top or red polo
- Navy shorts or navy culottes