



Uniform Policy

PURPOSE:

The parent-teacher community of Upwey South Primary School endorses that our students wear a school uniform which identifies each child as a member of our school community. A uniform is recommended based on the recognised advantages of:

- fostering pride in belonging to and participating in the school community
- providing a sense of identity and easy recognition, especially when at activities out of the school
- avoiding unwanted and irrelevant social inequalities based on fashion competitiveness.
- its long-term cost effectiveness, and
- providing equal opportunity and safety in sporting and social/play interaction.

GUIDELINES:

1. All clothing should be suitable for a school setting and clean and neat. Our school believes that a uniform be fostered by means of strong encouragement by both parents and staff.

Unless an exemption is granted by the Principal, children will be required to wear school uniform every day, except on specified occasions. Requests for a general exemption from the wearing of uniform should be in writing to the Principal.

Parents have the prime responsibility for ensuring that students do not attend school in unsuitable clothing.

2. Children not wearing the agreed uniform and who do not have a general exemption must provide a note from a parent to the Principal for that particular day. A uniform pass will be provided to the student to avoid any unnecessary interaction at school on the issue. For children without an exemption or Uniform Pass, a note to foster the wearing of uniform will be given to take home to parents to inform them that the agreed basic uniform was not worn on that day.

3. The basic uniform will consist of
 - a gold-coloured top with sleeves with the Upwey South Primary School logo. (eg. polo shirt, T-shirt or skivvy),
 - bottle green windcheater or bomber jacket with the Upwey South Primary School logo.
 - plain bottle green pants (long or short)
 - green check summer dress
 - plain bottle green winter tunic or skirt
 - bottle green sunsmart school hat
 - bottle green, black or white socks
 - bottle green or black tights or leggings
 - bottle green waterproof jacket with Upwey South Primary School logo

In accord with their senior status, Year 6 students will have available to them a distinctive maroon “Year 6 Windcheater” and “Year 6 Polo Shirt”. Year 6 students may wear plain black pants or shorts. In cold weather a black skivvy may be worn with the windcheater, instead of the t-shirt.

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4. The recommended range and options are available directly from the school uniform supplier or via an order through the school office. All clothing should be clearly named using a non-removable method. All efforts will be made to return found items of clothing to their owner. Unnamed items remaining in Lost Property for longer than two weeks will be handed to the Second Hand Uniform shop.
5. Sun hats are essential for protection against the sun and harmful ultraviolet radiation. The wearing of a school sun-hat during any outside activity will be enforced from the beginning of September until the beginning of May each year. Any child without such sun protection will be restricted to an allocated shady area (No Hat - No Play). The application of sun screen products is desirable for long periods in the sun.
6. In the interests of appropriate standards of dress for school students and protection against the sun, the wearing of items of street or beach wear such as the following are regarded as unsuitable on casual clothing days:
 - (i) sleeveless tops including tank tops, singlets and summer dresses with halter necks or shoulder straps with bare shoulders,
 - (ii) bare midriff garments and T-shirts with inappropriate motifs.
7. Footwear should be adequate to protect and support young feet. Closed and supportive shoes are required and black school shoes are highly recommended for junior students. Sports shoes are required for sports days. No thongs and scuff-style sandals or shoes with extended heels will be accepted. Only non - marking gym shoes will be allowed on the Sports Rebound floor of the Gymnasium.
8. The clothing and footwear worn as part of the uniform during all sport should be appropriate or the physical nature of such activities. They should not be a hindrance to the equal opportunity of boys and girls to partake in all types of activity with due modesty and respect. Students will be informed about the required clothing for various interschool sports events.
9. A backpack style school bag is required in the interest of good posture and avoidance of strain and unevenness in the backs of our growing children. The uniform supplier will have available a bottle green backpack with the Upwey South Primary School logo.
10. Jewellery is not part of School Uniform. Only stud or sleeper style earrings may be worn during normal class times. If necessary, they should be removed during contact sports.
11. A stock of second-hand uniforms will be maintained to support recycling of uniform items in reasonable condition.
12. The school may notify parents of days when the wearing of school uniform may not be appropriate - as for certain camps and special days. On each excursion, parents will be notified beforehand whether the wearing of uniform will be mandatory
13. This policy should be included in parent communication such as the Prep Information Pack, School Information Manual and newsletter.

Principal: Anne Ng

School Council President: Jude Craig

Date ratified by School Council on 16th August 2012

To be reviewed: 2015 or as required