**School Uniform Policy**

**Rationale:**

* To provide a school uniform that students will be proud to wear that is practical, comfortable and safe.
* To provide girls and boys with equal access to the full range of school activities.
* To provide a unisex option so the cost is the same for girls and boys.
* To provide a uniform dress code to reinforce in students a pride in their appearance, instil recognition of themselves as part of the school and the community and to develop an ongoing connectedness to the school culture.
* To encourage in students a sense of acknowledgment and pride in representing their school.

**Aims:**

* To promote equality amongst all students.
* To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
* To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
* To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
* To ensure the safety of staff and students in school and all school activities.
* To protect their faces, necks and ears from the sun while at school.

**Implementation:**

* Wearing of the school uniform as laid out below is compulsory for all students during school hours, while travelling to and from school, on school excursions and whilst representing the school, e.g. ANZAC Day Service, Eisteddfod, Presentation Day etc.
* The school uniform consists of navy shorts or skorts and navy tracksuit pants. A navy and sky blue polo top with the school logo embroidered on it. A navy and sky blue hoodie jumper in the same design as the polo top with the school logo embroidered on it.
* White socks are to be worn with joggers.
* A blue check dress in summer and a check tunic with a sky blue button up shirt underneath in winter are available for girls from Kindergarten to Year 2 to wear. This will be reviewed in 2017 to see if the dresses are continuing to be worn.
* With the summer dress white socks and black shoes are to be worn. With the winter tunic navy stockings and black shoes are to be worn.
* Stud earrings and sleepers worn only in the ears. No dangling earrings or other facial jewellery is acceptable due to health and safety aspects.
* Watches, earrings, bracelets and necklaces are the only acceptable jewellery.
* Hats must be worn outside in Term 1 and Term 4.
* Hats and beanies are not to be worn inside.
* Positive approaches may be used to recognise and encourage students to wear the school uniform.
* Details of uniform items and how to purchase will be published in the newsletter at the start of each term.

**How to order uniform items**

* To begin the implementation of the new school uniform, parents will have to complete the attached order form and place it with the correct money in an envelope and return to the office. Alternatively, parents can come to the office and fill in an order form and pay for it.
* ALL ORDERS WILL NEED TO BE PAID FOR ON ORDERING.
* Initial orders of the Wellington Public School polo and hoodie will take 6 weeks to arrive. However by 2016 we hope to have two or three of each size in stock.
* Examples of sizing will be available to try on from 16th November 2015.
* The first order will be due by Monday 23rd November 2015.
* The second order will be due by Monday 14th December 2015.
* An order will be due Week 2, Term 1 2016 and then again in Week 7, Term 1 2016.
* Ordering then will take place in Week 2 and Week 7 of every term.
* When uniforms arrive a phone call will be made and uniforms will be ready for collection from the school.

**Donations:**

* Over time items of uniform which are no longer needed by students will be gratefully accepted by the office. These items must be washed and will become part of our clothing pool.

**Phasing in period:**

* Please remember the new uniform has a 3 year phasing in period. It is not a requirement to purchase the new uniform immediately. The existing uniform will be an acceptable uniform until the end of 2018 and so it may be worn in conjunction with the new Wellington Public School polo and hoodie.

**Evaluation:**

* The girls’ dresses will be reviewed in October 2017.
* This policy will be reviewed in November 2020 as part of the school’s five-year review cycle.

**This policy was last ratified by Wellington Public School P&C Committee in November 2015**