



Uniform and Dress Code Policy

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Rationale:

The purpose of a school uniform and dress code is to:

- Promote a sense of belonging, unity, community and pride within the student community.
- Encourage appropriate, functional & comfortable clothing for school activities,
- Ensure health & safety issues are appropriately managed.
- Be smart and distinctive, enhancing the school's image within the wider community.
- Establish equality among students, and reduce peer pressure.

Aim:

This purpose of this Policy is to:

- Communicate expectations to students, teachers and parents/care givers.
- Establish a process by which non-compliance will be managed.
- Consider and balance issues of health, safety, equity and expense.

Implementation:

Uniform

The key elements of the school uniform are:

- Non-branded dark navy bottoms
- RPPS Polo SS
- RPPS Polo LS
- RPPS Summer Dress
- RPPS Fleece Vest
- RPPS Fleece Jacket
- RPPS Boss Top
- RPPS Hat
- RPPS School Bag
- RPPS Year 7 Jacket – a commemorative jacket is available for Year 7 students (available to Year 6 students from 2021).

The following is NOT permitted:

- Brand names on clothing – this includes sports clubs and SAPSASA.
- Tops with hoods.
- Denim / jeans.
- Thongs, crocs and slip on shoes are considered dangerous.

Presentation

Jewellery & Makeup

- Makeup is not allowed.
- Nail polish is discouraged.
- Jewellery can be a health and safety risk, and is not permitted – other than small sleepers or studs earrings or medically required identification.

Hair

- Hair should be neat.
- It is preferable for longer hair to be tied back – to minimise transmission of head lice.

Accessories

Shoes & Socks

- Footwear should be functional for an active student – closed-in shoes are preferred.
- Footwear that is black, navy, white or blue is preferred.
- Sandals may be worn in summer
- Footwear should be 'plain' in style i.e. no lights, no wheels, no slip on shoes.
- It is preferable that socks are white, navy or black – no logo or sport teams.

Bags

- RPPS School Bag is preferred.

Sports

- RPPS House Colour T-Shirts – worn for Sports Day, Swimming Carnivals or other 'whole school' activities, sold by the school through the Front Office.
- School sports require the nominated uniform – please refer to the Sports Co-ordinator.

Other

- Art smock – A 'generic' art smock, recommended for early year students (R-3).
- Library bag – May be used for early year students (R-3).

Non-Compliance:

It is expected that all students will comply with the uniform and dress code. The Principal may exempt students upon written request from a parent or caregiver on cultural, medical or religious grounds.

Any non-compliance, will be communicated directly to parents/care givers in writing. School staff will not raise issues directly with students, other than for Work Health safety issues, or presentation. School staff may speak directly to students who are not appropriately presented i.e. hair, jewellery issues.

Any ongoing issues will be managed by the Principal, with the parents/care giver.

Lost Uniform Items:

Lost property will be returned to classrooms if clearly named – please ensure all items are clearly labelled.

Unlabelled clothing / personal items will be held in the Lost Property area. This cupboard is emptied and items sold through Parents & Friends, typically at the end of each term.
