Nathalia Student Dress Code Policy 2014

Rationale:
A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code. School Council has approved compulsory wearing of school uniform for all children attending Nathalia Primary School.

Aims:
- To promote equality amongst all students.
- Compulsory uniforms assist to eliminate peer pressure to wear less appropriate clothing and removes pressures on families to provide “fashionable” items for daily wear
- 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 and activities.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
- To support the school Sun Smart policy.
- To develop responsibility for possessions as part of the Organisation Key in our social skill program ‘You Can Do It’.

Implementation:

All children are required to wear the prescribed school uniform as follows

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<th>Girls uniform</th>
<th>Boys uniform</th>
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<td><strong>Summer</strong></td>
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<td>black school unisex plain shorts</td>
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<tr>
<td>green and white check gingham dress</td>
<td>long black school pants</td>
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<tr>
<td>bottle green polo shirt (logo preferred)</td>
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<td>white, black socks</td>
<td>white, black or bottle green socks</td>
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<td>bottle green school Sun Smart hat (Broad brimmed or legionnaire or bucket.)</td>
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<td>bottle green windcheater logo preferred</td>
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<td><strong>Winter</strong></td>
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<td>black skirt, (leggings under skirt or summer uniform)</td>
<td>Long black pants or shorts</td>
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<td>black tights; white or black socks</td>
<td>bottle green polo shirt logo preferred</td>
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<td>long black pants</td>
<td>bottle green skivvy</td>
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<td>bottle green polo shirt / logo preferred</td>
<td>bottle green windcheater with logo preferred</td>
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<td>optional black or green woollen beanie (Terms 2 &amp;3)</td>
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Recommended Footwear:
- Black school shoes or boots.
- Black or white runners are preferred.
- Dark coloured sandals which must be of a sufficient quality to participate safely in Physical Education and sporting activities.

Optional Items:
School Bag
Grade 6 an approved green polo shirt with names of students printed in white.
During terms 2 and 3 black or bottle green beanies may be worn outside.
Extreme weather On wet or cold days students may wear waterproof or warm coats, scarves and gloves over their uniforms while outside. School colours preferred.

Availability:
- The school uniform will be able to be purchased from the School Uniform coordinator at the school. There are also second hand uniforms available for minimum cost.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship

Aesthetic Rules:
- Writing, coloured stripes, brand names or graphics are NOT part of the uniform. The only acceptable logo is the Nathalia PS. By the end of (this 3 year period) 2007 all polo shirts and windcheaters will have logos on them.
- Jeans are not part of the approved school uniform. Netball skirts are not to be worn as school uniform.
- All uniforms must be of a reasonable and clean condition. Damaged clothing must be mended or replaced as appropriate.
- Graffiti is not acceptable on school uniform or hats. If it is graphitized then it is no longer considered uniform and must be cleaned or replaced as appropriate.
- No cosmetics or body art may be worn at school by students.
- Only natural hair colourings are acceptable. Extremes of hairstyles are not acceptable.

Safety Rules:
- Nathalia Sun Smart hats consistent with our Sun smart policy broad brim/legionnaire/bucket are compulsory from 1st September to 30th April. This includes, recess, lunchtime, Physical Education, sport and other outside activities.
- Medical alert bracelet/necklace, stud earrings/sleepers worn only in the ears and wristwatches, are the only acceptable jewellery for safety, equality, and security reasons.
- For safety and health reasons students with shoulder length or longer hair must have it tied back with accessories in school colours. Eyesight should be unrestricted by hair.
- Protective clothing/art smock should be worn for Art and Craft activities.
- For safety reasons no thongs or heeled shoes are to be worn at school. Sandals must be of a sufficient quality to participate safely in Physical Education and sporting activities.
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Procedures:

- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- The uniform is compulsory for ALL school activities, except where specifically indicated in a notice or newsletter.
- Uniform worn should be appropriate to the weather conditions.
- All school uniform should be clearly named so that lost items can be identified.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and price list, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each term, is available at the office & on the school website.
- If on the odd occasion a uniform cannot be worn for a day, parents will inform the school by note or telephone.
- If a student is continually out of uniform then an arrangement will be made for them to wear a loan uniform. Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must contact the Principal.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct. A standard letter will be forwarded to parents and records kept when a student is continually out of uniform.

Evaluation:

- A review of the uniform dress code will be undertaken by School Council, with input from staff, students and parents.
- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

School Council Approval: