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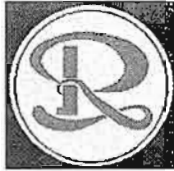
At its meeting this week, the Rosanna Primary School Council discussed the issues raised in your inquiry. They wish it to be known that the School Council is very comfortable with the current school uniform arrangements and they wish it to be known that we receive excellent support for our policy from the school community (copy attached). As suggested by you, we have invited our school community to make individual submissions to the inquiry. Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

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## ROSANNA PRIMARY SCHOOL

### COMPULSORY SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

#### STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- To foster a sense of pride in the school.
- To provide the children with the opportunity to wear safe, practical and durable clothing which allows them to participate in the full range of educational programs offered at the school
- To improve the health and safety of children by ensuring that protective clothing is part of the compulsory uniform. The inclusion of a hat is designed to complement and facilitate the implementation of the Rosanna Sunsmart Policy.
- To enhance the security of children by allowing for easy identification of students within the school grounds and when students are away on excursions or representing the school in sporting events.

#### GUIDELINES

- The Rosanna Primary School uniform consists of:
  - a red Rosanna windcheater or bomber jacket
  - a gold Rosanna T shirt, polo shirt or skivvy
  - plain black track pants/plain black trousers. Fashion pants are not acceptable.
  - plain black shorts. Fashion shorts are not acceptable.
  - a red and white check school dress
  - plain red broad brimmed hat or legionnaire hat
  - plain black beanie
  - appropriate footwear (refer to comment further on)
  - sports uniform appropriate to particular sports
- Sports uniforms, such as netball skirts, may be worn on sports days only by those students who are involved in school sporting teams.
- School supplied sports tops are to be worn for the game only.
- All children are to wear an approved school hat in term 1 and 4 as required by the R.P.S. Sunsmart Policy. Children are expected to wear hats while outside before and after school, during recess breaks, lunch breaks. P.E. lessons, interschool sport, excursions and school camps.
- Plain headbands may be worn but should not cover the whole head unless for medical reasons. Specific permission should be obtained from the school Principal or Assistant Principal. A larger style headband should be in one of the school colours of red, black or gold.
- Head scarves for religious, cultural or health reasons may be worn at all times. Permission to wear a head scarf is to be obtained from the Principal or Assistant Principal.
- Plain neck scarves in one of the school colours (red, black or gold) may be worn but should be removed when inside.
- Footwear must be suitable for all weather, sport and play. Sandals should have adequate strapping and toes should be covered. Parents are advised that proper sports shoes should be provided on physical education and sports days. In the interests of safety, children are strongly encouraged to wear socks to avoid insect bites and damage to their feet through accidents. **No clogs or thongs are permitted**

#### IMPLEMENTATION

1. The school is a Sunsmart school and will adopt the recommended practices.
2. Uniform items will be available from the school through the school's Uniform Shop. Parents will be advised regularly through the school newsletter of opportunities to obtain uniform items. Payment must accompany uniform orders.

3. Second hand items will be available for purchase.
4. Parents are encouraged to purchase the standard items through the school Uniform Shop. Items may be purchased elsewhere provided they are in the correct school colours. e.g
  - Plain gold skivvies, polo tops or T shirts
  - Plain red windcheater
  - black leggings
5. Iron-on school logos will be made available for purchase from the school.
6. Parents experiencing financial difficulties are encouraged to approach the school Principal or Ass. Principal.
7. **Departure from the dress code.**

The written requirements of the school council dress code take precedence over the student's individual preference in dress. The following process will be used in the case of children not complying with regular wearing of the school uniform.

1. Children will receive a verbal reminder that they are not wearing uniform and that it is an expectation that they will. This reminder will be noted.
2. A second comment about the requirement to wear school uniform will be made. Should no appropriate action arise from the initial reminder. This reminder will be noted also.
3. A letter will be sent to the parents of the child. See appendix 1
4. The situation will be monitored and if no attention to the matter has been observed, a second letter will be sent to the parents. See appendix 2
5. In the event of the problem continuing, parents will be requested to meet with the Principal or Assistant Principal. The aim will be to discuss the reasons for the continued departure from the dress code and to assist parents where possible to gain a resolution of the problem.
6. Detention may be used as a consequence of continued breach of the uniform code.

9. Issues related to the nature of uniform items will be referred to the School Council Uniform sub committee that will make recommendations back to School Council..

#### **EVALUATION**

This policy / program will be reviewed annually as part of the policy and program audit process. Consideration should be given to the appropriateness and availability of uniform items, emerging health and safety factors and any significant changes within the school community.

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This policy will be reviewed in the light of legislative and school changes and annually as part of the policy and program audit process.

**Endorsed by School Council and effective as of: 2000**

**Reviewed October 2004**

**May 2006**

