**UNIFORM POLICY & Student Dress Code**

**Rationale/Purpose**
To create a sense of collective and individual pride in students and their identification with Bellbridge Primary School.

**Guidelines:**
- To encourage school spirit.
- To promote a sense of pride in our school and to be identified as belonging to Bellbridge Primary School in the community.
- To assist in the identification of students in activities outside the school e.g. excursions, sport, etc.

**Implementation: THE DRESS CODE**
- School colours are red, navy blue and pale blue.
- Use of the school logo is to be encouraged but is not mandatory.
- Track pants, shorts – navy blue.
- Jacket, windcheater – red.
- Bomber jacket – red with blue sleeves.
- School dress.
- Hat – navy blue – bucket shape or broad brim. *(A hat is to be worn in Terms 1 and 4 in line with the Sunsmart Policy. Children without hats will be confined to the shade in the courtyard during recess and lunch times.)*
- Items of clothing such as vests, scarves, beanies etc will be acceptable if in school colours, i.e. navy blue, red, pale blue.
- Navy blue bike shorts or leggings may be worn under school dresses.
- The school will provide the option of “Class of ” tops for Grade 6 children.
- Appropriate footwear is to be worn, i.e. no thongs, open toed shoes or platform shoes.
- Any jewellery worn is to be appropriate (i.e. watch, stud/sleeper earrings) with student safety to be the main consideration. Please note: The school can accept no responsibility for any injuries caused as a result of children having body piercing.
- Hair that is longer than shoulder length needs to be tied up, e.g. pony tail, plait.
- No tattoos or makeup or outrageous hair colours or nail polish are acceptable at school.
- Hoods on ‘hoodies’ are to be worn off the head whilst at school.
- No inappropriate messages are to be worn on clothing on ‘out of uniform’ days.
- Shoulders are to be covered at all times

**ITEMS AVAILABLE FROM RUSHFORDS SCHOOL WEAR – Watton Street, Werribee**
- Track pants, shorts
- Windcheater and Bomber Jacket with logo
- Dresses, netball skirts
- Polo shirts – short and long sleeved, red sports T shirts (only for interschool sport)
- School bags, Art Smocks, Library bags
EXEMPTIONS
Grounds for exemption are:

- If an aspect of the code offends a religious belief held by the student and/or parents.
- A requirement of a student’s ethnic or cultural background.
- If a student has a disability, which prevents compliance with the code.
- If a student who has a particular health condition that requires him/her to depart from the dress code in some aspect.
- If the student or the parents can demonstrate particular hardship that prevents them from complying with the code.
- New arrivals will be given time and/or support re: acquiring the school uniform.

PROCEDURES FOR SEEKING AN EXEMPTION
People requiring exemptions are to discuss this request with the Principal.

PROCEDURES FOR GRANTING AN EXEMPTION
The Principal is to consider what kind of exemption is required. A slight modification of dress requirements may be what is required rather than a complete exemption.
A summary of requests for exemptions and the decision made should be reported to the following School Council Meeting by the principal.

COMMUNICATION OF THE DRESS CODE
A copy of the school dress code will be included in the school information pack when students are enrolled.

ENFORCEMENT OF THE DRESS CODE
- Classroom teachers will provide initial encouragement and reminders for students to be in appropriate school uniform.
- Students who are consistently out of school uniform will be referred to Grade/Team Leaders and then if the situation continues the matter will be referred to the Assistant Principal or Principal.
- Letters may be sent home when a child is out of uniform without written/verbal communication of parent/guardian.
- School colours are to be worn when representing the school, as specified by the organising teachers.

Ratified by Bellbridge Primary School Council – November 2013

To be reviewed as part of the school’s three year cycle.

Principal: Debbie Clancy
School Council President: Kerri Cahoon