

# Dress Code Policy

In accordance with the Education Regulation 189A of the Administrative Instructions and Guidelines, School Councils are authorised to determine the school dress policy. In June 2016, the Governing Council updated the following North Haven Schools Dress Code Policy.

## Purpose

At NHS we believe that a school dress code:

- Contributes to whole school unity and pride.
- Develops individual self-esteem through the feeling of 'belonging'.
- Contributes to the development of a supportive school environment by reducing levels of competitive dressing.
- Supports social justice initiatives by relieving parents and students of pressures to purchase high cost brand name clothing.
- Develops a positive image of North Haven Schools in the wider community.
- Assists staff in identifying strangers in the school grounds and therefore enables staff to ensure a greater level of safety for students.
- Assists in identifying students during excursions and in the grounds.
- Maintains sufficient choice for individuals.

## Action

### Parent/ Caregiver responsibility

- Parents/Caregivers of all students attending North Haven Schools are responsible for their child(ren) wearing and maintaining colour coded, acceptable items of clothing to school and excursions.
- Parents/Caregivers will provide a note of explanation to the classroom teacher, in the diary, on the day in question, if their child is unable to comply with the dress code for a short period of time (1-2 days).

### Teacher Responsibility

- Classroom teachers will monitor that all students have a regulation hat on before going out for play or to outside events.
- If a child does not have a hat for a PE lesson the child will be excluded from the lesson or use a 'share' hat.
- Classroom teacher will send **a note home through school diary** to the parent/caregiver if it is noted the student has not had a hat for more than 2 days.
- Teachers will monitor the dress code standards in their room.
- Classroom teacher will send **a note home through school diary** to the parent/caregiver of any student out of dress code - if explanation hasn't been provided.
- Classroom teacher will notify Principal or delegate if the student has been out of dress code on three or more occasions -without explanation.
- Teachers will monitor footwear to ensure students can actively participate in all aspects of the Physical Education and Daily Fitness programs.

### Principal or Delegate Responsibility

- Meet with parent/caregivers if needed to support dress code implementation.
- At their discretion, remove inappropriate items worn to school.
- Acknowledge students wearing school colours at assemblies and in the newsletter.
- Support senior students to have items of clothing that acknowledge their position in the school.
- Ensure all families have access to cost effective dress code items. - No price mark ups, second hand sales.
- Reminder notices issued prior to the term, when hats are to be worn

### Student Responsibility

- Respect dress code items to help minimise loss and to ensure appearance standards are maintained.
- Pass on and have signed any correspondence to parent/caregivers relating to Dress Code.

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The items that <u>are</u> acceptable	The items that <u>are not</u> acceptable
<p><b>Navy blue bottoms</b> including skirts, skorts, shorts, trousers, cargo pants and leggings. (Shorts and skirts are to be mid-thigh length)</p> <p><b>Navy blue or pale blue T-shirts, polo shirts.</b></p> <p><b>Navy blue jumpers and windcheaters. Blue and white check school dress.</b> (Navy sport briefs/bike pants are recommended to be worn under skirts and dresses).</p> <p><b>Navy blue or white socks</b> are encouraged when socks are visible.</p>	<p>Any colours that are not school colours.</p> <p><b>No denim</b></p> <p>Fashion shorts that are very short – that expose inappropriate amounts of flesh.</p> <p>Clothes with writing or pictures larger than a 50c coin.</p> <p>Make up and nail polish.</p>
<p><b>Tops:</b> Must cover shoulders back and stomach.</p>	<p><b>Tops:</b> Sleeveless, backless or short tops that show midriff.</p>
<p><b>Hats:</b> Worn from Sept 1<sup>st</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April, plus when the UV rating is 3 or above.</p> <p><b>Navy blue</b> broad brimmed or legionnaire hats, which protect ears and neck. (Daily U.V. noted in bulletin for wearing hats.)</p>	<p><b>Hats:</b> Baseball caps Damaged or graffiti covered hats</p>
<p><b>Footwear:</b> Shoes/sneakers or sandals with backs. It is not necessary for footwear to be in school colours.</p> <p><b>All shoes must allow active participation in sport activities.</b></p>	<p><b>Footwear:</b> Thongs, ugg boots and wedge/high-heeled shoes.</p>
<p><b>Jewellery:</b> Medic alert bracelet/necklace, a watch studs or sleeper earrings</p> <p><b>Hair and Accessories:</b> In the interest of O.H. &amp; S, it is highly encouraged that student's hair be tied back from the face.</p> <p>Hair ribbons, headbands in navy blue, pale blue or white.</p> <p>Winter coats are acceptable but are to be removed inside classrooms along with plain navy blue, pale blue or white scarves and beanies.</p>	<p><b>Jewellery:</b> Fashion jewellery - hoop and drop earrings, bracelets, rings, necklaces and jewellery associated with body piercing.</p> <p>Non-school coloured headbands, hair ties, bandanas.</p>

*For exemptions for health, religious or cultural reasons please contact the Principal.*

**Review**

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