1. **Rationale**

The Staff and School Council believe that a compulsory school uniform will assist students to develop a sense of pride and belonging to the school. It will also enable the local community to recognise students who attend the school.

2. **Broad Guidelines**

2.1 To develop pride in, and a sense of belonging to, the school

2.2 To reduce peer pressure related to clothing choices

2.3 To assist staff to easily recognise and supervise children when out of the school

2.5 To reduce clothing costs to families over a period of time

3. **Implementation**

3.1 New families will be informed of the school’s uniform requirements upon enrolment and/or during the transition process.

3.2 School uniform is available for purchase via the School Office. All uniform supplies are purchased through -

**PSW DEER PARK**
58 Westwood Drive
Deer Park VIC 3023
Phone: 03 9363 8458

3.3 Year 6 commemorative windcheaters and/or poloshirts may be offered to students at their expense.

3.4 Students not wearing correct school uniform may be prohibited from excursions and from representing the school at interschool sport. When students participate in Stephanie Alexander Garden activities – students may bring gumboots/boots. Students must still wear school uniform on SAKG days. Protective aprons will be provided in the kitchen to protect clothing.

3.5 Students attending school without correct uniform are required to have a letter from parents specifying the reason.

*This policy is written in consultation with DET Guidelines.*
3.6 The compulsory school uniform will be chosen from the following items:
- Navy shorts
- Navy and white check dress
- Navy netball skirt and bloomers or skorts (NOTE: Bloomers can only be worn under a netball skirt)
- Navy track pants or trousers
- White or navy skivvy
- Navy polo shirt with or without logo
- Navy bomber jacket with or without logo
- Navy windcheater with or without logo
- Navy polar fleece vest or jacket with or without logo
- White or navy socks
- Navy tights or leggings

*All students must have at least one jumper or polo shirt that has the school logo. These must be worn on excursions, school photo days and other significant days where it is essential students are identifiable through their school uniform.*

3.7 In accordance with the school’s Sunsmart Policy, a wide-brimmed, navy sun smart hat must be worn when outside in Terms 1 and 4.

3.8 Appropriate footwear should be worn, particularly for physical education. Black shoes/boots and runners are deemed acceptable footwear at any time. Thongs, ballet flats, open-toed shoes and sandals are not permitted at any time. Students may take their shoes off in the classroom, but must be wearing slippers as a replacement. At no time should students be walking around the school with no shoes on.

3.9 A wristwatch and earring studs or sleepers are the only permissible jewellery. Any student wearing other items will be asked to place them in their bag.

3.10 Students with long hair should have it tied back in a ponytail or braid to aid learning and reduce the spread of headlice and avoid being caught in playground equipment.

3.11 Make-up, nail polish and hair dye are not part of school uniform and must not be worn to school unless planned by classroom teacher for a specific activity.

3.12 A school bag with logo is not compulsory.

3.13 The staff member coordinating interschool sports will issue students with any uniform requirements prior to the commencement of events. Any additional supporting uniform requirements will be communicated with parents prior to events.

3.14 A reminder letter will be sent home for students who are repeatedly out of uniform.

4. **Evaluation**

This policy will be evaluated as part of the school’s cyclic review program.

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