

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

The school community at Hamley Bridge Primary School believes that wearing a school uniform promotes a sense of pride and belonging in our school.

Our values, which incorporate respect and trust, and healthy well-being are supported by a cohesive approach to encourage the wearing of appropriate schoolwear.

A school uniform ensures we meet health and safety requirements, especially when students are on school excursions, as they are more easily identified and enhance our public image. Wearing a uniform reduces the level of peer pressure on parents to wear expensive, fashionable and inappropriate clothing.

Students exempt from this policy.

DECS provides exemptions on the following grounds :

- Religious
- Cultural
- New students (up to a term)
- Genuine medical or family reasons.

Exemptions can be obtained through a written request to the Principal, with an explanation of the reasons. Occasional exemptions for a single day due to unforeseen circumstances which prevent the wearing of a uniform may be sent in a written note to the class teacher.

What is the Appropriate Uniform.

The school colours are NAVY and GOLD.

Approved Dress Code Items include :

- Polo shirts (gold)
- Dress or skirt in school colours
- Track and field pants (navy)
- Shorts (navy)
- Rugby tops (school colours and logo)
- Cargo pants/slacks (navy)
- Overcoats/parkas – plain and in school colours (navy blue)

NOT jeans. Pants to be free of stripes, large logos or clothes with offensive, drug or socially unacceptable slogans.

Dress : Girls may wear a dress from material purchased at school, or blue and white check dresses purchased at department stores.

Rugby Tops : Ordered and purchased through the office. Year 7 may wear a rugby top specially designed for them and purchased through the school.

Hats : Supplied free to new students, but replaced at a cost of \$11 when lost or destroyed by students.

Suitable footwear : is also part of the Dress Code. Lace-up shoes or sneakers, sandals with back strap or full-back are appropriate. Slip-on shoes, high heels, platform soles and thongs are not recommended school wear for sports activities (daily) and for safety reasons.

Sun Protection Policy

We have a Sunsafe Policy of NO HAT/NO PLAY that applies all year and students are required to wear the bucket style school hat (as recommended by SunSmart). Baseball style hats are not acceptable and not to be worn in school grounds. Clothing that exposes shoulders, upper arms and midriff are not adequate protection from the sun and are not appropriate schoolwear.

Jewellery and Hair Ornaments

Earrings, bangles etc. are to be kept to a minimum and body piercing, other than ears, seen as inappropriate for junior primary and primary school students.

Headbands, ribbons and ties should preferably be in school colours and be discreet. Make-up is inappropriate for junior primary and primary school students.

Consequences for not wearing an appropriate uniform.

- The monitoring of wearing correct uniform will be carried out daily by classroom teachers in conjunction with the Principal.
- Students who do not wear uniform daily, will be given a non-compliance note to take home to parents/caregivers. Follow up discussion between parents/caregivers and the Principal will be arranged if necessary.
- Students must wear uniform on all excursions and outings initiated by the school. Should a child arrive at school on the day of a class outing, not wearing a uniform, staff at their discretion may provide some change of clothing so that the student may participate on the school outing. Clothes need to be washed and returned to school.