



SORRENTO PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT UNIFORM POLICY

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BELIEFS

A school uniform:

- develops a sense of unity;
- fosters a sense among the individual students of being an equal member of the school community;
- establishes the identity of the school within the wider community;
- ensures practical, safe, clothing for all school activities; and
- eliminates peer pressure and competitiveness over appearance.

BROAD GUIDELINES

1. The school uniform colour is red and white.
2. The following items of clothing comprise the Sorrento Primary School uniform:
 - Red or white long or short sleeved polo shirt with two stripes on the collar.
 - Red and white checked dress.
 - Red short sleeved polar fleece.
 - Red woollen jumper
 - Red windcheater
 - Rugby jumper
 - Plain black pants, including plain black shorts, plain black tracksuit pants, plain black corduroy pants, plain black leggings and black skorts
 - Black tunic
 - Plain black skirts
 - Black beanie (with logo)
 - Shirts for Sorrento Sings and Sorrento Jewels
3. The preferred supplier of the uniform is Beleza in Rosebud.
4. The school logo shall appear on all shirts and jumpers.
5. Plain white or red skivvy and black tights or plain black leggings can be worn underneath school tunics.
6. Black sport pants and plain black leggings may be worn underneath girls' summer dress and plain black skirts.
7. Bike shorts/hot shorts are not to worn alone with tops; they can only be worn underneath dresses/tunics.
8. Bike shorts may be worn on official sports days eg: Summer Lightning Premierships, Cross Country.
9. School bag with the school logo is also approved for use.
10. Rain/winter jacket may be worn and can be purchased by family – own design, colour etc.
11. Students can choose their own bathers; rash vests must be worn with bikinis.
12. Uniform that has a school logo will continue to be acceptable.
13. Jewellery is limited to studs or sleepers in the ear. Dangling ear-rings or other types of body jewellery are not permitted for safety reasons. Students may only wear clear nail polish.
14. Shoulder length hair needs to be tied back.
15. Thongs, high heels and open toed sandals are not permitted.
16. Appropriate shoes, boots, runners or closed-toe sandals can be worn according to individual preference. Colour selection to match the rest of the uniform is strongly encouraged.
17. Hats are a part of the uniform in accordance with the school's Sunsmart Policy. A red wide brimmed hat displaying the school logo is required. Hats are available for purchase at the school.
18. No part of the uniform may be embellished – for example, with studs, lace, zips etc –For the avoidance of any doubt, when the word “plain” is used in this policy, it should be read as a reference to an item of uniform without embellishment.
19. Year 6 students will be able to wear approved tops, organised annually by the Year 6 teachers.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. The wearing of uniform is compulsory from the start of Term One, 2010. All children are required to follow the Student Uniform Policy, and to wear the school uniform at all times unless they receive an exemption (see below).
2. Students may not be permitted to represent the school, leave the school on excursions, participate in inter-school sport or other elective activities unless wearing the school uniform.
3. The school uniform may only be altered by a School Council motion.
4. Parents shall be informed by the principal of any action taken against students who are out of uniform.
5. Parental support for the **Student Uniform Policy** is an important part of its successful implementation.
6. The uniform costs will be published in the school Information Pack for prospective parents and students.
7. The Beleza shop hours will be published in the newsletter from time to time.

EXEMPTIONS

Grounds for seeking an exemption:

Parents or guardians may apply for an exemption where:

- An aspect of the Policy offends a religious belief held by the student/parents/guardians.
- An aspect of the Policy prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their ethnic or cultural background.
- An aspect of the Policy prevents students with disabilities from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students.
- The student has a particular health condition that requires a departure from an aspect of the Policy.
- The student or the parent/guardian can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the Policy.

Procedures for seeking an exemption:

Parents or guardians may seek an exemption by writing to the principal, setting out the grounds for the exemption.

Procedures for granting an exemption

In response to a written request for exemption the principal should make enquiries and seek evidence as to whether the grounds for exemption are valid, and then determine what kind of exemption is appropriate; for example, a modification of the dress requirement may sometimes be sufficient. When considering a request for exemption on the grounds of economic hardship the principal may grant financial or other assistance to the parent(s)/guardian(s) to enable the student to comply with the dress code without stigma or undue embarrassment.

RESOURCES

1. Beleza will stock all uniform.
2. Other stockists for uniform falling strictly within the terms of this policy.

EVALUATION

1. Random surveys of parents and on number of students wearing uniform.