



KATHERINE HIGH SCHOOL

Uniform Policy

Rationale:

- A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation:

- After consultation with the school community and the Student Representative Council, School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- Student Dress Code. School shirts are compulsory for all students in the Middle Years. Senior students are encouraged to wear the school shirt. All students must dress in a manner suitable for school. Low cut tops, short skirts, tank tops and singlets are not acceptable. Tops that do not cover the midriff are not allowed. Offensive motifs are unacceptable. All students are required to wear covered shoes as an OH&S requirement.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions
- The student Dress Code will be published in the newsletter, parent handbook and student organiser at the start of each year.
- School shirts are available through the front office at Katherine High School.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the School Council.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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