

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 easier identification of students within the school community for practical purposes including safety reasons.
- 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:

- 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.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase will be set out in the Oberon High School Work Planner for the start of each year.
- Extreme hair styles are not permitted and cosmetics or jewellery should be kept to a minimum. Jewellery should not be of a type that may cause injury. Earrings should be either small sleepers or studs.
- Year 12 students will be able to purchase a specified jumper and shirt as coordinated by the VCE team.
- Caps or other sunsmart headwear should only be worn out of doors. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Chaplaincy will coordinate the Second Hand Uniform Shop for parents to sell and purchase good quality second hand items.
- School welfare staff and student managers will work with parents to provide uniform as needed in the case of economic difficulty.
- 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 variations to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability or health conditions must apply in writing to the principal.

Evaluation:

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