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Dress Code Policy

Kangaroo Island Community Education

Introduction

The authority to implement a uniform policy comes from the Education Regulation 189a, which came into operation in January 1994 and provides the right for Governing Councils to determine school dress policy.

The positives of having a school uniform are:

- contributes to school unity
- develops a sense of belonging and pride
- develops a positive image of KICE in the wider community
- reduces competitive dressing and the costs associated with brand name clothing
- assists with the safety and care of students through easy identification on school grounds and excursions

IT IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO WEAR THE SCHOOL UNIFORM

Uniform Details

The following are details of items of clothing which form the school uniform. They include a degree of choice for students, and it is only these items which may be worn, preferably with the school logo.

Item	Colour and Description
Shirts	White or Royal blue polo shirts with collar or plain white collared
Jumpers	Royal Blue – polar fleece or wool. No hoods.
Blazers	Optional for students – with school emblem
Trousers/Pants/Shorts	For both boys and girls – plain black in various styles e.g. Jeans, Cargo, Track Pants (shorts no less than mid-thigh in length), Leggings [black] – preferably with shorts or a skirt on top.
Skirts/Tunics	Plain black for skirts or KICE Tartan Check (no shorter than just above the knee)
Dress	KICE Blue Check or blue and White Gingham
Shoes	Sneakers, black shoes, black, brown, navy or white sandals
Sport/PE	KICE Sports Shirt (compulsory from year 6 up) and black shorts or track pants and appropriate sport footwear.
Hats	Royal Blue – bucket or broad brimmed hat
Tie	KICE design – optional for students

Specific Issues

All students at KICE are expected to be neatly and suitably attired in the school uniform.

School Sport Merchandise:

Students who represent KICE at School Sport SA events may wear their purchased merchandise (hoodies) at school for one week after they return from their events. This does not include KI Rep team event merchandise

The safety of students in our care is of paramount importance. All subjects offered by the school operate within **strict occupational health and safety guidelines**.

For this reason, the following **should not be worn** to school:

Footwear:

- thongs and sandals (i.e., the type where the foot is largely exposed)
- crocs and open shoes that have no supporting strap on the heel
- Ugg boots and high heels

Practical Subjects:

Note that in certain areas – Tech Studies, Physical Education, Food & Nutrition, Clothing & Textiles and Science – **students are required to wear closed in shoes**, or they will need to be placed elsewhere for practical lessons. Repetition of wearing inappropriate footwear will result in disciplinary action.

Workshop subjects (Technical Studies / Automotive / Engineering etc.) Agriculture:

In these subjects the following dress code is compulsory in accordance with WH&S.

Uniform Details - uniforms can be purchased through Mitre 10 Kingscote:

- JBS HI VIS L/S 190G Work Shirt (Orange/Blue)
- Industrial Engineered Cargo Pant (Navy)
- Optional – JBS Polar Vest (Navy)

Hats:

In keeping with general community and workplace standards, hats will not be worn in classes or other indoor activities e.g. assemblies, and students will be requested to remove their hats in these situations. If they are required to wear head coverings in certain situations, e.g. Food & Nutrition, they will be supplied.

We strongly support students wearing hats outside to protect them from the sun. As we are a Sun Smart School it is compulsory for all students to wear hats in term 1 and from the 1st of September whilst on school grounds or school excursions.

Consequences:

Consequences for not wearing the school uniform and following the dress code will result in

- a reminder/warning
- parental contact
- having someone bring in their uniform
- borrowing a second-hand uniform
- returning home to change with parental permission

Students who continually breach the dress code will be sent home, and/or suspended from school as per the DfE and KICE School Student Behaviour Management guidelines.

Students may be exempted from the wearing of the school uniform. This requires a request in writing to the Principal and can only be granted on specific grounds e.g. medical condition.

Any exempted student is expected to be in appropriate, plain casual clothing.

The Principal may also approve Non-Uniform days for special occasions such as Sports Days, Festivals or Fundraising. Parents/caregivers will be advised when this happens.

Families who need assistance in the purchasing of the school uniform need to contact Heads of Campus or School Counsellors. Confidentiality and discretion will be assured.

A school uniform shop located at Kingscote Campus stocks a large range of new and recycled clothing. A small range of new uniforms are available at the Penneshaw Campus. Orders can be made using the QKR app on your device for all three campuses and delivered to the student's class.

The code of dress is to be regularly reviewed by the Governing Council to ensure availability of aspects of the dress code and impact on fashion trends upon the dress code.

**WE ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT THE SCHOOL BY ENSURING YOUR CHILDREN LEAVE HOME
APPROPRIATELY DRESSED AS OUTLINED IN THE DRESS CODE POLICY**