Rationale

The wearing of a school uniform by students is a compulsory requirement of the Department of Education. The Durack School Uniform and Dress Code Policy has been established after consultation with all stakeholders, and has been formulated to meet the needs of students, their families and the school. The intention is to promote equity and self-respect. It contributes to the tone of the school and reflects the school’s high expectations.

Wearing a school uniform affirms the individual’s sense of belonging to Durack School and minimises the impact of judgments based on appearance and the different socioeconomic backgrounds of our students.

The Uniform has been designed for our tropical lifestyle. It is reasonably priced, durable and smart. Items such as shirts, dresses, shorts, skorts and hats may be purchased from the office.

When buying items from local retailers please ensure they meet the guidelines.

Uniform Requirements

**Shirts:** [unisex] Royal Blue Polo shirt, with embroidered Durack School logo and collar detail. Shirts are not to cover more than half of the shorts or skorts when untucked. (Available from the office)

Dedicated Year 6 shirts may be worn by Year 6 students however they are not to be worn for excursions, special assemblies (awards, ANZAC DAY), school photographs and occasions when students are representing Durack School. (Year 6 parents will be notified when these are available)

**Shorts:** [unisex] Plain black, in a loose-fitting style, without pictures, patterns or edgings and the length at least ¾ way down the thigh in line with Sun Smart policy. (Available from the office)

**Skorts:** [girls] Plain black, without pictures, patterns or edgings and the length at least ¾ way down the thigh in line with Sun Smart policy. Black sports briefs or short black bike pants, no longer than the length of the skirt can be worn under skirts. (Available from the office)
Dresses: [girls] School Tartan (Available from the office)

Long Pants: [unisex] Plain Black without pictures, patterns or edgings. No denim. Leggings are not encouraged, however if worn, the school shirt must be at thigh level.

Jacket or Jumper: Blue or Black. (Available from the office)

Hats: Durack School’s bucket, legionnaire or wide-brimmed hat in line with Sun Smart Policy. (Available from the office)

Socks: Must be black, blue or white.

Shoes: Sandals (with a back strap), runners or leather ‘school shoes’ with no high heels. Predominant colours are white, black, dark blue or brown.

Hair Accessories: Plain hair ties, scrunchies, headbands or scarves are to be blue, white or black.

Jewellery: The only items of jewellery permitted to be worn at school are:
  - medic alert bracelet
  - simple watch
  - studs or small hooped earrings
  - no other visible jewellery

Grooming:
  - Hair below shoulder length should be tied back with appropriate hair accessories.
  - Makeup and nail polish are not permitted at school.

Parent Responsibilities
The school uniform must be worn fully and correctly at all times. When uniform guidelines are not met, a notification letter will be sent to parents. A member of the leadership team will follow up ongoing issues.

It is expected that parents will support the Durack Student Uniform and Dress Code Policy.

Ratification
This policy was ratified by Durack School Council at the School Council Meeting on 22/10/2013

This policy should be reviewed every two years by representatives of the parent, staff and student body. Next Review date: October 2015

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