# **Kellyville Public School**

A tradition of excellence and opportunity



# **School Uniform Policy**

# **PURPOSE**

The aim of this policy is to engender in students a sense of belonging and pride in their school.

# RATIONALE

The wearing of a school uniform is important to the overall image of the school and its tone. It contributes to a child's feeling of equality, belonging and pride in their school. It reflects Kellyville Public School's opportunities of tradition, excellence and opportunity. The wearing of a school uniform reflects our high community standards and expectations and ensures that the school is easily identified within the community. Requirements of occupational health and safety, anti discrimination and equal opportunity legislation have been considered by the wearing of school uniform.

The wearing of the school uniform offers children a degree of safety as they are recognisable to parents and community members in the local area.

'The Department of Education and Training supports the wearing of school uniforms by students and the upholding of high standards of dress by students and staff. The Department recognises that NSW has a long history of school uniforms or dress codes being decided by the local school community.'

## <u>AIMS</u>

- to develop pride in the wearing of the school uniform.
- to encourage all students to wear a school uniform.
- to foster in children a respect for and care of their school uniform
- to further promote the image of the school in the community.

## **GUIDELINES**

The school uniform was decided upon by the whole school community (students, parents, staff) and this policy has been developed in consultation with the local school community. It is the responsibility of the Principal to provide parents and carers with the school's uniform policy statement and uniform requirements.

The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.

The school uniform policy takes into account the diverse nature of the student population and does not disadvantage any students based on economic, religious or cultural factors. It is however, the responsibility of the total school community to encourage and support the wearing of school uniform.

It is expected that students wear school uniform during school hours, travelling to and from school and when engaged in school based activities out of normal school hours unless indicated otherwise by the Principal.

Sports uniforms will be worn on those days when children participate in school sport and dance activities.

The Uniform Committee is responsible for the purchasing, retailing and introduction of uniform items and is financially responsible to the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C). The Uniform Committee will regularly report to the P&C at meetings and make recommendations for changes to the school uniform.

The school uniform will be available from 'the school's uniform shop'. The Parents and Citizens Association will operate the School Uniform Shop and will operate a second hand uniform pool for parents. In consideration of the cost involved in purchasing uniforms, items should remain in operation for at least five years. Uniform requirements should

be reviewed at least every five years and necessary changes made. Parents are to be advised about ways they can access financial support if they are financially unable to purchase uniform items.

Parents are encouraged to clearly label all uniform items with their child's name and class. Children are encouraged to take their uniform items home at the end of each day. Any items of clothing which have been left at school and are not labelled will be placed in the Lost Property Box located on the verandah near the executive office.

A red broad brimmed hat (with school logo) is considered part of the Kellyville school uniform in line with the Sun Smart Policy. Kellyville Public School Policy is No Hat – No Play.

Jewellery or other items that could cause an injury to themselves or other students is not to be worn. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.

Reminders relating to the wearing of uniform, particularly in relation to Health and Safety matters, eg 'unsafe jewellery, inadequate footwear and broad brimmed hats,' will be communicated regularly by the Principal in the school newsletter.

The wearing of school uniform will be encouraged by positive reinforcement. The Principal and staff should actively promote the wearing of school uniform. Positive comments should be made to individual students who support the school ethos, have pride in their school and represent it well.

Responses to students who do not wear uniform will be fair and consistent and will not prevent students from continued participation in curriculum activities, except where safety issues are involved.

## Strategies to be used for individual student non compliance

- speaking to the student (preferably in private) to encourage wearing of the school uniform.
- Providing a verbal warning to the student.
- Providing advice to the parents via a phone call or letter from the principal
- Inviting parents to the school to discuss the situation with the principal or another staff member
- · Negotiating an appropriate course of action with the student and parents

### **Outcomes**

- All students wear the school uniform proudly.
- The school community is supportive of the Uniform Policy.
- The school uniform is attractive, functional, and comfortable.
- The school uniform enhances the school image.

This policy should be reviewed every five years.

### **References/Appendices:**

- 1. DET School Uniform Policy ((PD/2004/0025/VO1)
- 2. School Uniforms in New South Wales Government Schools
- 3. Kellyville Public School Uniform Requirements
- 4. Sun Smart Information & Support Material
- 5. Protection from the Sun Guidelines to assist in implementing the Student Welfare Policy 1997
- 6. Check List of Kellyville Public School Uniform

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# **School Uniform**



The school colours are red and black and parents are asked to encourage their children to wear the correct uniform with pride. A red broad brimmed hat (with school logo) is worn by boys and girls. School uniform items featuring the school logo are only available from the school uniform shop. Please note that winter uniform is officially worn from Mother's Day (May) to Father's Day (September).

## Summer Uniform

### Girls

- Red and white check princess style dress with red piping on sleeves and Peter Pan collar, red tie
- Red jumper and/or red zip jacket with school logo.
- White ankle socks.
- Black leather shoes.
- Red, black or white hair accessories.

### Boys

- Grey shorts
- Grey short sleeve shirt with school logo on pocket
- Red jumper and/or red zip jacket with school logo
- Grey socks with red and black stripes
- Black leather shoes

## Winter Uniform

### Girls

- Tartan princess style tunic
- Tartan tie attached to white blouse button
- White blouse with Peter Pan collar
- Red jumper and/or red zip jacket with school logo
- Black tights or ankle length white socks
- Black leather shoes
- Red, black or white hair accessories
- Optional: black or red gloves, black scarf
- Optional: Red windproof jacket to wear over red jumper/jacket.

### Boys

- Grey long trousers or shorts
- Grey shirt with school pocket logo
- School tie
- Red jumper and/or red zip jacket with school logo
- Grey school socks
- Black leather shoes
- Optional: black or red gloves, black scarf
- Optional: Red windproof jacket to wear over red jumper/jacket.

## **Sport Uniform**

- Red/black polo shirt with white piping and school logo
- Black girls skirt with inbuilt shorts / black shorts for boys
- White ankle socks or white sports socks with red/black stripes (girls)
- White sports socks with red/black stripes (boys)
- White joggers/no full colours
- Red jumper and/or red zip jacket with school logo
- Plain black track pants (boys) / plain black bootleg pant (girls) optional uniform for boys and girls on sport days only.