



UNIFORM

POLICY

Rationale:

A uniform dress code encourages 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, Hallam PS.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of Hallam PS in the community.

Implementation:

- After consultation with the school community and the Student Leadership Team, School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe:
 - Promotes students' sense of identity with, and pride in, the school
 - Allows all students to feel equal
 - Enhances individual student safety and group security
 - Ensures that students' appearance reflects the expectations of their community
 - Prevents bullying and reduces competition between students on the basis of clothing
 - Strengthens the spirit of community within the school
 - Enhances the profile, image or identity of the school and its students within the wider community
 - Prepares students for the expectations of workplaces
 - Encourages students to present themselves appropriately for a particular role and develop pride in their appearance.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Summer and winter uniforms are required to be worn, in response to weather conditions.
- Girls – school dress (PSW) or tartan school pinafore or skirt/skorts/shorts/bicycle shorts/trousers/track pants/windcheater/jacket and gold polo
- Boys – bottle green shorts/trousers/track pants/windcheater/jacket and gold polo,
- Socks, headbands, scrunchies and ribbons are to be white, grey, yellow or bottle green. Leggings/tights are to be bottle green only.
- A watch, and one pair of plain stud earrings or sleepers worn in the ears, is the only acceptable jewellery.
- Extreme hair colors (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes, shaved shapes or mohawks) are not permitted.
- Nail polish and cosmetics are not to be worn at school.
- Bottle green, broad-brimmed hats, consistent with our Sunsmart policy, must be worn outside in Terms 1 and 4. Hats are not to be worn inside. Religious headwear must be in bottle green, yellow, white or black.
- Schools will uphold Human Rights, Equal Opportunity and Anti Discrimination legislation when determining the Dress Code.
- Admin staff will co-ordinate the operation of a second hand uniform shop for good quality second hand uniforms.
- 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.

- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Engagement Policy.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- 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 for consideration.

Approved By	Hallam Primary School Council
Approval Authority (Signature & Date)	
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Reference:	http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/safety/pages/respect.aspx http://bullyingnoway.gov.au/