PURPOSE

Apollo Parkways Primary School introduced compulsory school uniforms as a way of strengthening the school's sense of belonging, unity and identity. It also provides for a sense of social and economic equality. In addition student safety is enhanced through uniform identification.

GUIDELINES

- The School Council, being the elected representatives of the school community, has adopted the compulsory School Uniform Policy.
- Students in Prep to Grade 6 are required to wear the correct school uniform during all school activities including excursions.
- Children competing in district and out of school hours events are required to wear the uniform items as specified for those competitions/occasions.
- Modifications to the school uniform are not permitted; students are expected to wear the School Council approved uniform.
- Parents have the option of making school uniform items. These items must match in style, fabric and colour the approved school uniform.
- A written ‘out of uniform’ request is required at all times in the event that a student is unable to wear the correct school uniform temporarily.
- Any unsafe footwear and/or inappropriate adornments (including make up and nail polish) are not permitted at any time.
- For safety reasons, the only jewellery that children are permitted to wear are stud and sleeper earrings, watches and items of religious/personal significance.
- It is expected that the school uniform be maintained appropriately and replaced as required.
- As the school is a ‘SunSmart School’ it is a requirement that school approved hats be worn during both terms one and four and when UV index levels rise above 3.0 between September and the end of April.
- Students are permitted to wear close-fitting wrap-around sunglasses that meet the Australian standard 1067 (category 2, 3 or 4). These are not available in the uniform shop but may be purchased elsewhere by parents.
- A variety of school disciplinary measures will be taken for breaches of the School Uniform Policy.
- The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) instructs that the enforcement of the school's uniform policy cannot extend to suspension or exclusion of students from educational activities.

NOTES

- The school uniform items are available from the ‘Uniform Shop’ located in the Community Centre on Monday and Thursday from 3.00pm – 4.00pm. A list of uniform items will be displayed in the window of the Uniform Shop and published on a regular basis via the school newsletter and parent information folders.
- Commemorative windcheaters are to be offered for sale to Grade 6 students as an additional component.
- As with all other areas of financial difficulty, parents are encouraged to make arrangements with the Principal regarding provision of uniform items for their children.
- Information and regulations from the DEECD relating to uniforms will be updated accordingly.