



## RATIONALE

The wearing of school uniform is seen as an expression of community spirit. It engenders a sense of pride in the school and our community as a whole.

## AIMS:

- To develop a sense of belonging.
- To foster school spirit.
- To provide a focus, other than *Dress*, for the individuality of each student.
- To provide a sensible and safe clothing for the various aspects of school life, at reasonable prices. (This means the uniform is functional, rather than fashionable.)

## GUIDELINES:

- The wearing of school uniform is compulsory at Kalinda, in accordance with current Ministerial regulations.
- School Council, through the Uniform Committee, will review the Policy Statement periodically, using the most recent Ministerial regulations.
- The development of School Uniform Policy is the responsibility of School Council, through its Uniform and Community Committees.
- This policy will be implemented by the School Council, through the Principal, with support from Staff
- School council and Staff will promote the wearing of school uniform in a positive manner.
- The uniform shall comprise a range of options as determined by School Council and the Uniform Committee.
- Uniform free days may be held at School council's discretion.
- The Uniform Committee and/or Community Committee shall:
  - provide opportunity for parents to purchase uniforms from the Uniform Shop, and
  - review the functioning of the Uniform Shop, with particular regard to reasonable prices and hours of opening to meet community needs.
- A Swap Shop will enable parents to purchase or sell second-hand uniforms. (Uniform Shop reserves the right to refuse any clothing that is not clean, and in a reasonable condition - eg. no severe stains, tears frays, etc. and no school bags.)
- Children not in school uniform should have a note from their parent/guardian.
- An exemption may be granted by the Principal, upon application by the parent/guardian. In the event of an exemption being granted by the Principal, he/she shall notify staff of the names of all children concerned.
- The students are to be discouraged from wearing excessive jewellery. Watches, plain ear-rings (no dangly earrings), chains and necklaces (representing spiritual beliefs) are acceptable. Staff shall support this.
- Students will be expected to have no extreme hair colour, styles or accessories.
- In general, the appearance of the children should be neat, tidy and well-groomed. Make-up and nail polish should be discouraged.
- Kalinda *Sports Shirts* are to be worn for interschool competitive (school representation) sport **ONLY**.
- It is expected that all Staff will actively support this policy.

## EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.