



Dress Code Policy

Purpose:

Our school uniform fosters a sense of belonging, unity, and pride among students as part of a supportive and respectful school community. It encourages students to take pride in their appearance and represent their school with confidence. The uniform also supports a positive learning environment by promoting safety, practicality, and a consistent standard for all students.

Aims:

- To provide a learning environment that is supportive, positive, non-discriminatory, equitable and safe
- To promote equality amongst all students
- To enhance a sense of school pride and a positive image of the school and in the wider community
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school
- To assist staff in identifying strangers in the school grounds, enabling staff to ensure a greater level of safety for students
- To assist in identifying students in the school grounds and during excursions
- To maintain sufficient choice for individuals

Implementation:

Governing Council, Staff and the Student Executive Team, have developed a Dress Code Policy that provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.

Parents/Caregivers of all students attending North Ingle School are responsible for ensuring that their child(ren) wear colour coded, acceptable items of clothing to school and excursions.

We will continue to:

- support the "no hat, no play" policy in Terms 1, 3 and 4 (from 1st September through to 30th April when the South Australian UV levels are three or above) and ensure students wear hats during all outdoor activities
- direct students to a shaded area if they have no hat
- acknowledge students wearing school colours at assemblies
- have an optional Year 6 top and jacket

Please note:

- It is recommended that bike or sports shorts/pants are worn underneath skirts or dresses.
- Parents/caregivers are not compelled to purchase garments through the school.
- Clothing should be clearly labelled with the student's full name.

School Dress Compliance:

- If a student is unable to comply with the dress code for a short period of time (1-2 days), a note of explanation from the parent on the day in question needs to be sent to the class teacher.
- If a child does not have an appropriate hat for playtime, sports or physical education lessons, they will need to sit in a designated shaded area. The child may borrow a class hat if available or may be asked to sit out or play in the shade.
- North Ingle School has an expectation that all students comply with the School Dress Code. Should the Dress Code Policy not be followed, the following steps will be taken:
 1. A conversation will be held with the student by a staff member.
 2. Should the matter reoccur, leadership will be informed and will have a conversation with the student. The Pastoral Care Worker may be involved as required to support the family.
 3. A conversation will be held between leadership and the parents/caregivers to promote a shared commitment to the School Dress Code.

Acceptable items:**Clothing:**

Polo shirts: Navy or white

Windcheaters, jumpers & jackets: Navy

Pants: Navy (including mid-length shorts and bike pants, tracksuit pants and trousers)

Dress: Navy blue and white gingham school dress

Skirt/skort: Navy, mid-length

Hats:

North Ingle bucket hats (with a minimum of 6cm brim)

Footwear:

School shoes: Plain black, navy or brown rubber soled shoes

Sneakers

Sandals: Enclosed with backs (no open-toe shoes or slip-ons)

Jewellery:

Studs, sleepers, a watch and medic alert bracelets

Headwear:

For cultural reasons, black, navy or white head attire may be worn (e.g. shayla, hijab, khimar, turban or dastar)

Non-acceptable items:

- Any colours that are not our school colours
- Clothes with brand names, prints or non-school logos
- Denim (including jeans)
- Crocs slip-on footwear or "Ugg"-style boots/shoes
- Sleeveless tops and singlet tops (in accordance with our Sun Smart policy).
- Make-up, false eyelashes and coloured hair
- False nails or nail polish
- Tattoos or facial piercings

Please note: Aerosol containers including deodorants, mousse, gel and body sprays must not be brought to school.

Exemptions from the expectations of this policy need to be approved by the Principal and then only in exceptional circumstances.

The North Ingle School Uniform may be purchased from the Front Office between 8:00am and 3:30pm, Monday to Friday.

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SCHOOL VALUES

RESPECT INTEGRITY COMMITMENT CARING HONESTY