

# Spensley Street Primary School

## STUDENT DRESS CODE

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### **Rationale:**

Spensley Street encourages families to choose what their children will wear to school, within the bounds of personal and physical safety.

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance to families for appropriate school clothing and footwear.

### **Definition**

A dress code sets out certain standards of dress for the school community. The standards relate to the Teaching and Learning Policy, the Sunsmart Policy and the Equal Opportunity Policy, the Healthy Relationships Policy.

### **Principles**

The positive role of clothing is recognised in promoting a sense of individual and, when required, a sense of collective identity and pride.

Within this, consideration is given to:

- Health and safety requirements
- Freedom of expression
- Respecting cultural diversity
- The range of students
- Financial constraints.

### **Goals**

- To promote a dress code that encourages students to be suitably attired for school activities
- To enable students to develop a positive self image.

### **Strategies**

- Sunhats must be worn outdoors in Terms 1 and 4. Sunsmart hats are recommended.
- Other clothing should provide adequate protection from the sun, eg clothing should cover shoulders and midriffs.
- Footwear should provide adequate protection for children's feet. High heels and thongs are unsafe and are not permitted.
- For protection against head lice long hair should be tied back.
- To support and promote personal safety and the school's Equal Opportunity Policy it is not acceptable to wear clothing that carries crude, violent, racist or sexist messages.
- School hats, T-shirts and windcheaters are available for sale for families who wish their children to purchase clothing with the school logo.
- Uniform clothing is appropriate for public occasions or events to promote identification with and for the school. Examples include Triple S performances and sporting events.
- The dress code is publicised through the Family Information Book, the Wednesday Bulletin, Parent Association and Junior School Council.
- Students will be encouraged to wear appropriate footwear and clothing for outdoor activities.
- All clothing should be labelled and students are expected to be responsible for their clothing.