



## ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

### **Rationale:**

Romsey Primary School believes that our school uniform reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instills recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equity and diversity, health and safety, and affordability are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Uniform Policy.

### **Goals:**

- To help engender a sense of pride and belonging amongst Romsey Primary School (RPS) students.
- To be able to identify RPS students by their school uniform.
- To provide an affordable range of durable school uniform items, appropriate to local weather conditions.
- To reduce competition between students on the basis of clothing.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
- To enhance individual student safety and group security.
- To improve the range and volume of good quality second hand uniform items available.

### **Guidelines:**

#### **A General**

- RPS School colours are black and red. The wearing of the school colours by students is compulsory and is a collective responsibility (of parents, students and staff).
- All students are required to wear the school uniform :
  - during school hours
  - when engaged in school activities out of school hours or when representing the school.
- It is strongly recommended that clothing featuring the RPS school logo is worn.
- No other logo or graphics, other than the Romsey Primary School (RPS) logo to be worn (e.g. Romsey Redbacks clothing etc is not permitted).
- Denim clothing (including black denim) is not permitted to be worn.
- The School will actively promote the donation of good quality second hand uniform items for sale through the Uniform Shop.

- All new families will be informed of the school's Uniform Policy upon enrolment and / or during the transition program.
- School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for implementation of the Uniform Policy in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Consequences for non compliance with the Uniform Policy will be negotiated by the Principal in conjunction with staff.
- Students attending school without correct uniform are required to have a letter from parents / guardians specifying the reason. A reminder letter to parents / guardians will be sent home for students who repeatedly do not conform to the Uniform Policy.
- Order forms for uniform are available on the school website or from the office.
- A wrist watch, earrings (studs / sleepers only), religious symbol necklaces or medical alert jewellery are the only items of jewellery permitted to be worn. Body piercing, with the exception of ear piercing, is not permitted.
- Makeup, coloured nail polish, extreme hair colours and / or styles are not permitted.
- To help reduce the incidence of head lice, hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back regardless of gender. Appropriate hair accessories must be in school colours or hair colour.
- Sports tops are available for when students are representing the school. The tops need to be returned to the school within one week of the event, laundered. Unreturned items will incur a replacement fee.

#### **B. Headwear**

- Hats in the school colours, consistent with the Sunsmart Policy, must be worn outside in Terms 1 and 4. Headwear compliant with religious faiths may be worn in conjunction with Sunsmart hats.
- RPS encourages the wearing of Sunsmart hats whilst travelling to and from school in Terms 1 and 4.
- Winter beanies are to be plain red or black.
- Peaked (baseball) caps are not permitted.

#### **C. Footwear**

- Suitable footwear and socks (black or white) or black tights must be worn, preferably black school shoes or elastic-sided boots.
- Runners are required for physical education (only non marking soles permitted).
- Inappropriate footwear such as thongs, open-toed shoes, open toed sandals, Crocs, high heels, skater runners and wheelie shoes are not permitted.

#### **Exemption:**

Parents / Guardians seeking an exemption to the Uniform Policy due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability or health condition must apply in writing to the Principal.

## **Uniform Shop:**

The Uniform Shop will be readily accessible for purchasing new and second hand uniform items. The Uniform Shop sells second hand uniform items at markedly reduced prices. The School appreciates any donations of second hand uniform items no longer required by students.

## **Approved Uniform Items**

- Short sleeve polo shirt (red)
- RPS Bomber jacket
- Hooded windcheater - plain red
- Boot leg pants – plain black
- Unisex shorts (black)
- Long sleeve polo shirt (red)
- RPS Polar fleece vest (black)
- Red and white summer check dress
- Cargo pants – plain black
- RPS winter tunic / skirt with: black tights and
- Red polo shirt / red skivvy or long sleeved, white, collared, button through shirt.
- The white shirt must only be worn with the winter tunic.
- Skivvy (red)
- Windcheater – plain red
- Tracksuit pants – plain black
- Skort (black)
- Beanie (red or black)
- Hair accessories (red / black or hair colour)
- Scarf (black)
- Stadium Jacket (black)
- Warm-up Jacket (black and red)

## **Evaluation:**

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

**Date Ratified by School Council: October 2014**

**Review Date: 2017**