Helena Valley Primary School

Dress Code

Introduction

Helena Valley Primary School Board has established a dress code in accordance with the School Education Act 1999. All students attending the school are expected to conform to the dress code in school, on the sports field and on excursions, unless otherwise directed. The co-operation of parents is requested in supporting and promoting the dress code to students.

The school believes that a dress code:

• Fosters and enhances the public image of the school.
• Assists in building school and team spirit.
• Ensures students are safely and appropriately dressed for specific school activities.
• Promotes equity among students.
• Prepares students for further education and work.

Modifications to the Dress Code

Parents, who for religious, ethnic, health or other reasons, wish to modify the school dress code for their child/children, are required to make an appointment to discuss this with the Principal and staff representative. Teachers will be informed of any student granted a modification to the dress code.

School staff will promote the school dress code and students will receive positive consequences for their efforts in complying. If a student regularly or blatantly fails to follow the dress code, his/her parents will be consulted to discuss reasons for this and possible solutions.

Dress Code Guidelines

Summer:                  Plain black shorts
School shirt (polo shirt – black/green school logo)
Bottle green bucket hat
Girls:                   Green, white and black checked dress
                         Plain black, pleated skirt or “skorts”

Winter:                  Plain black tracksuit pants
School shirt – as above
School jacket (black and green) with logo
Rugby shirt or skivvy (bottle green, black or white long sleeved)
Girls:                   Plain black, skirt or “skorts”
                         Plain black leggings or tights

Sport                    Plain black shorts
School shirt, red, blue, gold or green with logo for faction sport, bucket hat
Girls:                   Black skirt – permapleat or wrap around.

Interschool              Plain black short or skirt
Appropriate top eg: choir, interschool sports
Black sneakers

Footwear                 Enclosed “sneaker” type shoes, (ie. No thongs, high heeled shoes, massage sandals or ugg boots).

Most items listed in the dress code are available for purchase from the school uniform shop or 2nd hand uniform shop.

General

• Clothing with advertising, commercial logos or inappropriate messages is not acceptable.
• Make-up and excessive jewellery are not considered appropriate for school.
• Students should take adequate measures to ensure protection from the sun when outdoors. (The school is a Sun Smart school and has a “No Hat- Shade Play” policy for all terms).
• Shoulder length hair or longer must be tied up at all times (including boys).
• All visible piercing, with the exception of earnings to be taped at all times. Earrings should be limited to studs or small sleeper earnings.
• During sporting activities all jewellery is to be removed.
• Year 6 students will have a leavers shirt as to be decided by the graduating group and the teacher.