

# Belmay Primary School

## Dress Requirements ~ Uniform Policy (Updated Nov. 2008)

### RATIONALE

*Belmay Primary School's dress requirements are tangible evidence of the standards expected of students at our school. These dress requirements play an important role in promoting a positive image of the school and creating a sense of identity among our students.*

### **Who determines the Dress Requirements at Belmay Primary School?**

The School Council, in consultation with the parent community and Teaching Staff, are responsible for determining the standards of what is acceptable clothing to be worn by students at the school. This includes headwear and footwear, and other aspects of personal presentation of students.

The School Council also determines details of procedures for managing:

- exemptions from the dress requirements;
- assistance with compliance, including convening school dress advisory panels;
- sanctions for non-compliance; and
- regular reviews of and changes to the requirements.

### **Support and Assistance**

The School Dress Advisory Panel can offer assistance and support for students and their families where difficulties with compliance arise.

### **Exemptions from Compliance**

Exemptions from compliance can be considered by the Principal on a case-by-case basis. An exemption may be formal or informal and cover short term or long term periods.

The Principal may provide an exemption on any of the following grounds:

- the unavailability of an item;
- a matter relating to a student's health;
- a matter relating to the religious beliefs of the students or the student's family;
- a matter relating to the cultural background of the students or the student's family; or
- any other matter which in the Principal's opinion is sufficient to exempt the student from complying with the requirement.

### **Positive Reinforcement**

The school recognises and rewards its students for compliance with the Dress Requirements through a range of activities which include extended Recess breaks on a random basis.

### **Non-Compliance with the Dress Requirements**

Students not complying with the Dress Requirements may be;

- prevented from attending any activity in which the students would have been representing the school; or
- prevented from attending or participating in any school activity which, in the opinion of the Principal, is not part of the educational program.

### **Jewellery**

Please refer to the separate Jewellery Policy for detail.

**School Uniform**

Please refer to the School Handbook for details of items of clothing accepted as School Uniform.

**Note:** Denim items are excluded from all school dress codes and uniforms. The Staff of Belmay Primary School model this in their personal dress on-site.

For supervision and safety reasons, students **MUST** be in full school uniform to attend excursions.