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P-6 Uniform Procedure

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Introduction

Kemblawarra Public School's P-6 Uniform Policy has been developed in consultation with its community. This policy reflects the commitment and support of the Department of Education and Communities to the development of school uniforms, in consultation with the school community, in the context of Occupational Health and Safety and Anti-Discrimination legislation.

Kemblawarra Public School supports the wearing of school uniforms by all students P-6 and the upholding of high standards of dress by students and staff.

Kemblawarra Public School Uniform is expected to be worn during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and while engaged in school activities out of school hours.

The wearing of school uniforms by students will assist the school community to:

- define an identity for the school within its community
- develop students' sense of belonging to the school community
- provide an opportunity to build school spirit
- enhance the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- promote a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
- reinforce the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment
- increase the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school
- promote positive community perceptions of public education
• make school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes.

The whole school community has a role to play in encouraging the meeting of the standards set by the wearing of our uniform.

Responses to students who do not wear uniform include:

Initially students should present a written explanation from a parent/caregiver as to the need to be out of uniform, and to contact the classroom teacher/school executive if the situation is of an ongoing nature.

Contact with the Principal should be made if the nature of the situation involves financial hardship, conscientious objections to the wearing of a uniform or any other reason.

Where a student fails to wear the agreed school uniform, or part thereof, on a consistent basis, Assistant Principals will initiate contact with parents.

Students that fail to wear the uniform will be unable to attend any events in which they represent the school outside of the school including excursions, sport or cultural activities. Alternative arrangements for meeting the curriculum will be provided.

Please remember that if your family is experiencing difficulty in purchasing uniforms, you may apply to the school for assistance.

Footware

The NSW Department of Education and Training’s guidelines in relation to safety and footwear in school, under Work Health and Safety requirements, prohibit students participating in practical activities in school if not wearing substantial footwear deemed safe by the Department.

Unsafe shoes include those with openings; platform or high heels and shoes made from materials that provide little or no protection for the feet.

We at Kemblawarra Public School have developed a uniform policy in conjunction with the Department and its WHS guidelines, ensuring safety and comfort for our students.

School shoes must ensure that the entire foot is enclosed, including the upper section of the foot; the shoe is to have a stout sole and firm uppers; and, the shoe is to have low heels.

Sports and P.E. shoes have similar restrictions placed upon them.

This information is provided to help guide you with what shoes are allowed and what are not.

Please keep in mind that choosing the correct sports shoes for your children will enhance their physical activity and provide sound protection for their feet and body.
School Hat

The school promotes sun smart behaviour. A No Hat, Shade Play school rule applies for all students P-6. All students are required to wear school hats at all times in the playground or on the sports field. Hats must protect the head, face and neck. Students not wearing protective school hats must stay under the covered areas.

Purchasing the Kemblawarra Public School Uniform

The official Kemblawarra Public School uniform shirts are only available for purchase from the school. School uniform shirts can be purchased through the School Uniform Shop, situated in the staffroom of the main administration block, which will be open fortnightly on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 9am until 9:30am. Families who wish to purchase uniform shirts outside of the Uniform Shop’s hours should make contact with Mrs Murray or Ms Schroder.

School hats are also available for purchase from the School Uniform Shop.

Other uniform items including black shorts, black long legged pants, black track pants and black school skirts can be purchased from most local retail stores that sell children’s clothing.

Details of the official uniform appear below:

THE OFFICIAL UNIFORM FOR BOYS AND GIRLS