FCPS Uniform Policy

**Rationale:**
A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, student engagement and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

**Goals:**
1. To promote equality amongst all students.
2. To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
3. To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
4. To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

**Implementation/Key Understandings:**
1. After consultation with the school community School Council has developed a compulsory Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
2. The Dress Code will strictly apply during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
3. School uniforms, as well as sports uniforms, where applicable will be prescribed, and are required to be worn at appropriate times.
4. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
5. Extreme hair colours and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
6. Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
7. The only headwear that is acceptable are the school Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy and the school beanie. Sunsmart hats must be worn outside in terms 1 & 4. Hats are not to be worn inside.
8. The school uniform shop may supply good quality second hand uniforms, and may operate a second hand uniform store for parents.
9. The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and times where purchases may be made, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year. Prices will be available at all times from the office.
10. The school uniform will be displayed in a prominent position within the school.
11. School Council requires the Principal to be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the student expectations in the Student Engagement Statement. Consequences for non compliance will be the responsibility of the principal.
12. Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
13. Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal for consideration.

**Evaluation and Review**
This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s four-year review cycle.
**Budget**
The budget for this program is run as a Trading Operation. The school should always aim to keep all costs to a minimum.

**Responsibility**
*M. Coyle/Principal/2014*