Student Dress Code Policy

Aims:
The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to further develop students’ pride and respect in their own appearance; help students to identify with the school and its values; promote equality and enable participation in all school activities; promote a positive image of the school within the community and assist with identification of students, particularly on excursions. The Code has been created with consideration of potential safety and health concerns including the commitment to the SunSmart program.

Implementation:

- It is compulsory for all students from Prep to Year 6 to wear the school uniform:
  - during school hours,
  - when attending before or after care,
  - to all external school activities such as sport or excursions, and
  - any other event at the discretion of the Principal.

- All students must wear suitable footwear to school. Suitable shoes are white, grey, black or dark blue sports shoes (sneakers) or black school shoes with a flat sole, lace or Velcro closure and a fully covered toe, side and heel. Thongs, Crocs (or similar type of shoes), high-heeled and brightly coloured shoes or sneakers are not acceptable.

- Parents whose children cannot manage to tie their own shoelaces should consider shoes with Velcro straps for ease of use.

- Students are encouraged to wear sports shoes for physical education and sporting activities.

- The KPS school hat must be worn while outside during Terms 1 and 4 (September to April). No hat, no play.

- For SunSmart reasons, children should have their upper legs covered.

- For health and safety reasons, it is recommended that children with shoulder length hair, or longer, have it tied back with appropriate hair accessories.
• When representing Kew Primary School in sporting activities, the correct sports uniform should be worn. Specific requirements are communicated to students concerned prior to an event. In some cases, specific uniforms may be loaned to the student by the school for that particular event.

• The school may contact parents if there are ongoing issues regarding the Student Dress Code in relation to their child.

• Uniform availability
  o Bob Stewarts (201-211 High Street, Kew) is the official supplier of KPS uniform items, with the exception of sports and house tops, which are available directly from the school.
  o Second hand uniforms are available for purchase at a very low cost. Please contact the school office for further information.
  o In cases of financial hardship, please contact the Principal.

• Safety and jewellery
  o Items that may present ‘catching’ or choking risks are not permitted. Watches, studs, sleepers and medical alert bracelets are permitted but other jewellery worn as either a body piercing or attached to clothing or around the neck is not permitted.

• Cosmetics
  o Cosmetics, including nail polish, and the permanent dyeing of hair in bright or standout colours are not permitted.

• Special circumstances
  o Parents of students, who, for a particular reason(s), may need to modify the Student Dress Code, are required to discuss this with the Principal. Staff will be informed of any student granted a modification to the Student Dress Code.

Reference:
This policy should be read in conjunction with the ‘School Uniform Detail’ list.

Evaluation:
This policy will be reviewed by School Council as part of the three-year review cycle or at the discretion of School Council.

This policy was ratified by School Council in June 2013