HEALTH AND SAFETY RULES

- Footwear should meet safety standards and not limit involvement in educational programs. Covered, solid shoes must be worn for Agriculture, Art, Home Ec, Science, Tech Studies. Heavy shoes or slip ons (including thongs) are not suited to active involvement in learning activities.
- All students are expected to wear broad-brimmed or legionnaire hats in the yard and for outside activities, including sport, in Terms 1 and 4.
- Middle and Senior School students should change for PE lessons.
- All students must change into bathers and protective top for swimming lessons.
- Refer to note about Jewellery.
- Refer to note about Hair.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

- Students not wearing a hat at recess or lunch times in Terms 1 and 4 will be required to stay in the designated shade areas.
- Students who regularly fail to comply with the dress code policy will be put on Detention.
- Parents will be notified via a detention stamp in student’s diary.
- A meeting with students and parents/caregivers will be arranged if required.
- For safety reasons, students not wearing the school uniform on excursions will need to borrow second hand uniform.

Education Regulations 77, Division 4.179, provides the right for Governing Councils to determine a “school uniform” for all.

The Uniform Policy was developed by the Uniform Sub-Committee following the DECS Administrative and Instructional Guidelines, Section 3, Division 4.179.

This Policy was ratified by Governing Council after consultation with students, parents/caregivers and staff.

IMPLEMENTED: January 2010
Minor adjustments made August 2011
REVIEW DATE: 2015

COOMANDOOK AREA UNIFORM POLICY

The Coomandook Area School Governing Council has determined the Uniform Policy.

RATIONALE

We believe as a school community that there are benefits in students following an agreed school uniform policy:

- contributes to whole school unity and pride
- develops individual self esteem through the feeling of “belonging”
- contributes to the development of a supportive school environment, by reducing levels of competitive dressing
- supports social justice initiatives by discouraging fashion competition
- develops a positive image of Coomandook Area School in the wider community
- assists staff in identifying strangers in the school grounds and therefore enables staff to ensure a greater level of safety for students
- assists in identifying students during excursions and in the school grounds.
ACCEPTABLE UNIFORM
It is an expectation that all uniforms worn must be clean, neat and tidy, with no torn or ripped material. Clothing with large writing or logos or inappropriate logos are not acceptable, except for the school logo.

TOPS:
- White or navy polo shirt (piping white or navy only)
- School navy windcheater or navy polar fleece
- Navy school jacket
- Navy sleeveless vest, front zip or pull on style
- Extracurricular shirts are to be worn in their specific lesson, eg Pedal Prix. SAPSASA shirts for PE only.

BOTTOMS:
- Navy or blue denim shorts, ¾ or long trousers
- Grey trousers or shorts (for boys)
- Navy Blue Track Pants or Navy skirt (no grey trackpants)
- Jeans must be of blue denim, not too faded
- School Winter skirt or winter pinafore
- Summer school dress: white and dark blue check with white collar and cuff. Summer dress is available ready made from Target/ Kmart/ Big W etc.
- Winter skirt or summer dress material available from the school. Summer dress pattern also available
- Shorts, skirts and skorts to be worn mid thigh length
- Pants should be school colours only. Navy or white stripes down the outside seam of leg are acceptable
- Belts to be black, dark brown or navy. No studded or decorated belts.

FOOTWEAR:
- Shoes must be predominantly black, brown, navy or white closed shoes with no studded or decorated shoes
- Slip ons (without a back), thongs and high heeled shoes are not appropriate
- Shoe laces must match the predominant colour of the shoe: black, brown, navy or white
- School sandals are allowed but not in practical lessons. In Ag, Art, Home Ec, Science and Tech., covered footwear, preferably leather, must be worn
- Socks to be white, grey or navy.

JEWELLERY AND MAKEUP:
- Jewellery must be kept to a minimum
- Studs or small sleeper earrings, signet ring and watch only. Large dangly earrings are not acceptable. Only Medic Alert Bracelets allowed
- Necklaces must be hidden below jumper or shirt
- Pierced jewellery to be small and unnoticeable in colour (e.g. gold, silver, zirconia). Light foundation only. Nail polish, clear colour only.
- The school advises exposed jewellery to be removed for practical lessons. Staff are not responsible for removing piercings.

HATS:
- All hats must be navy blue with a minimum 7cm brim
- Hats are compulsory in Terms 1 & 4
- No large or inappropriate logos
- All hats to be removed in class.

COATS, SCARVES AND BEANIES:
- Navy blue scarves and beanies are acceptable for warmth in cold weather
- All headwear must be removed in the classroom
- Coats are acceptable for warmth in cold weather but must be removed in classrooms.

HAIR:
- Headbands and ribbons must be in school colours, white or navy only.
- Dyed hair is to be in natural colours only.
- Hair to be tied back for practical lessons.

EXCURSIONS:
- Correct uniform to be worn on all excursions except when teachers have given written permission for students to wear appropriate casual clothes.

PE LESSONS
- Middle and Senior School students must change for PE into shorts, skorts or trackpants and polo or T shirts
- Uniform dress is not necessary but no large or inappropriate logos
- Sweatbands are to be worn for PE lessons only.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY:
- Students from Yrs 3 – 12 are required to wear a T-shirt in official house colours:
  - Parkin – Green
  - Dukes – Red

UNIFORM SHOP:
The school stocks:
- school polo shirts, windcheaters and polar fleece tops;
- shorts and shorts: hats and scarves
- Iron on school logos (white) for polo shirts and windcheaters are available
- Navy vests and school jackets are available through special order
- Clean second Hand uniforms are available for a donation from the Front Office.

CONSIDERATIONS:
- Parents/caregivers are not compelled to purchase garments through the school but students are expected to wear school colours and accepted style for all learning activities, including those outside the school.
- If a child attends out of uniform and is planning to participate in an excursion or school activity where uniform is to be worn, wherever possible the child will be provided with suitable, clean garments which comply with the uniform policy. It is expected that borrowed clothing be laundered and returned to the school as soon as possible.
- Senior students who have completed their formal year of schooling and are coming into the school to access school resources to complete their studies must adhere to the Uniform Policy.
- Clothing should be clearly labelled, thus reducing the amount of lost property.
- Parents/caregivers have the right to request exemption for their children on specific grounds:
  - religious, cultural or ethnic
  - new students (time to purchase, wear previous uniform)
  - itinerant students
  - financial hardship
  - genuine medical or family sickness reasons, in accordance with DECS regulations.

Exemptions to be requested by the parent/caregiver in writing or by interview with the Principal.