DRESS CODE
The following dress code states the expectations Kananook Primary School Council holds with regard to student appearance. This code will apply during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are engaged in school activities out of school hours. The Kananook student dress code takes precedence over a student’s individual preference in matters of dress. In developing this code, opportunities for the viewpoints of parents and teachers have been made available through public meetings, newsletter surveys, and PTF and Council meetings.

Why do we have a Dress Code?
1. To create a sense of collective and individual pride in Kananook students and their identification with our school.
2. To assist in individual student safety and group security when travelling to and from school and on school excursions.
3. To promote active and safe participation in school life.

Will the dress code discriminate against students?
The Kananook Dress Code neither discriminates directly or indirectly against students on the basis of their sex, race, ethnic group, nationality, religious beliefs, colour, disability or socio-economic circumstances.
The dress code will apply uniformly across all students except for the exemptions listed below.

What are the exemptions from the Dress Code?
(i) Grounds for seeking an exemption:
Exemption from the Dress Code may be sought if:
• an aspect of the Code offends a religious belief held by the student and/or parents.
• an aspect of the Code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of his or her ethnic or cultural background
• an aspect of the Code prevents students with disabilities from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students
• a student has a particular health condition that requires an aspect of the Code to be departed from.
• the student or the parents can demonstrate temporary economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the Code.
• after due consideration of any other particular circumstances as demonstrated by the students or parents.

(ii) **Procedures for seeking an exemption:**
• Requests for exemption are to be made to the School Principal in writing. Strict confidentiality will be observed with regard to the reasons given by parents to substantiate their request for exemption.

(iii) **Procedures for granting an exemption:**
• The Principal will determine whether an exemption can be granted by referring to the grounds for exemption outlined above.
• The Principal will provide a summary report of applications for exemption at the following School Council meeting.
• The Principal shall keep a written record of the decision on the applications in case the decision is questioned subsequently.

**What support is available for families?**
Second hand uniforms will be available to families who may have difficulty meeting the cost of uniform items at the discretion of the Principal. Parents wishing to access this service should speak to the Principal or Assistant Principal in confidence.
Parents are encouraged to donate second hand items in good condition to the school for this purpose. In the event of unavailability of second hand items the Principal or Assistant Principal will seek assistance from the State Schools’ Relief Committee.

**What will happen if a student is not in uniform?**
The following steps will be taken if the Dress Code is breached:
Step 1: A letter will be sent home requesting that the student wears his/her uniform to school the next day.
Step 2: If the student is not in uniform the following day a phone call will be made to a parent.
Step 3: For non-compliance a lunchtime detention will be given and a detention notice will be sent home.
Step 4: For further non-compliance an after-school detention will be given.

Only those students in school uniform will be able to represent the school in the community for activities such as excursions or inter-school sport etc.
Children will not be withdrawn from classroom instruction because they are out of uniform.

**What equity and safety issues are important?**
The students are involved in a wide range of physical activities each day. It is a school priority that all students participate fully and safely. Inappropriate clothing and footwear can restrict participation and in some cases result in physical harm.

**What items are included on the clothing list?**
- Short Sleeve Polo Shirt
- Long Sleeve Polo Shirt
- Polar Fleece Vest
- Bomber Jacket
- Windcheater with Gathered Hem
- Gabardine Culottes
- Rugby Shorts
- Straight Leg Tracksuit Pants
- Double Knee Tracksuit Pants with Zip Pocket
- Raincoat - optional

**All Uniform items need to be clean, neat and presentable and labelled.**

**School Hat**
Bucket style hat (Royal Blue) to be worn by all students from September to April (and at other times deemed necessary)
- Beanie (plain Royal Blue – acrylic not fleecy) - optional wear for Terms 2 and 3

**Footwear**
- Shoes, runners and t-bars only (predominantly blue, white, black or brown in color).
- No thongs, slip on shoes, open toed sandals, gum boots or platformed shoes
- Socks (blue, white or black) – to be worn at all times

**Accessories**
- Hair - long hair (boys and girls) must be tied back with elastic ties.
- Ribbons, headbands and scrunchies must be royal blue or gold
- Make up, transfers, colored nail polish, dangling ear rings, jewellery, extreme hair fashions (ie color, style and accessories) are not to be worn.
- Scarves NOT to be worn during school hours

**How can the uniform be purchased?**
The Kananook Primary School uniform is available from PSW Frankston, located at 21 Playne St Frankston, phone 03 9769 6510.
Shop Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm; Saturday 9:00am to 5:00pm
Uniforms can also be purchased from the PSW website www.psw.com.au and delivered to your home. A uniform price list is available at the School Office.

When will the Dress Code be reviewed?
A review of the dress code will be undertaken on a four year cycle if the School Council deems it necessary. The review will take the form of consultations with staff, parents and students. School Council will then make any amendments if necessary.

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