

UNIFORM and SUNSMART POLICY

RATIONALE:

The Findon Primary School Uniform and SunSmart Policy 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 and expense are factors that contribute to the establishment of the Uniform and SunSmart Policy.

This policy applies to all school events on and off site. Sun protection is recommended for all skin types whenever UV levels reach 3 or higher. In Victoria, UV levels regularly reach 3 or higher from mid-August to the end of April.

AIMS:

- To promote equality amongst all students
- To further develop a sense of pride in and connection with our school
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment
- To provide easy identification of students within the school and community
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community
- To promote a healthy UV exposure balance to help with Vitamin D and minimise the risk of skin and eye damage and skin cancer
- To provide students with protection from overexposure to harmful UV rays
- To encourage students to be lifelong participants in sun protection procedures

IMPLEMENTATION:

- Findon Primary School provides choice for the students and allows students safe engagement in school activities
- The Uniform and SunSmart Policy applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions and activities
- The school colours are bottle green, gold and black. Uniform items with the Findon logo are available for purchase from the school's contracted suppliers
- Hats, beanies, sunglasses and schoolbags will be available for purchase from the school
- Arrangements can be made in consultation with the Principal, to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship
- Good quality second hand uniforms will be available for sale from school throughout the year
- A Uniform Price List will be available at the general office outlining uniform items that can be worn
- All staff are responsible for the implementation of the compulsory school uniform in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct
- Parents are required to send a note to school or contact the school if a student is out of uniform
- Parents will be contacted whose children are consistently out of uniform without explanation
- Students out of uniform without explanation will be required to change into Findon uniform where appropriate
- Parents will be contacted and asked to meet with the Principal to resolve any issues related to continued non compliance with the Uniform Policy
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Uniform Policy due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability or health condition must contact the school Principal
- Students without a hat, covered shoulders or sunglasses during recess and lunch breaks (from September to the end of April) will need to remain under cover in the designated areas
- Staff and students are encouraged to access the daily local sun protection times at sunsmart.com.au, the school website or on the free SunSmart app to assist with the implementation of this policy
- A combination of sun protection measures are used for all outdoor activities from September to the end of April

- SunSmart behaviour is regularly reinforced and promoted to the whole school community through newsletters, school website, parent meetings, staff meetings, school assemblies, student and teacher activities and on student enrolment

Shade

- The school council makes sure there is a sufficient number of shelters and trees providing shade in the school grounds particularly in areas where students congregate e.g. lunch, canteen, outdoor lesson areas and popular play areas
- The availability of shade is considered when planning all other outdoor activities and excursions
- In consultation with the School Council, shade provision is considered in plans for future buildings and grounds
- Students are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside

Sunscreen

- Students and families are encouraged to provide their own SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen and apply at least 20 minutes (where possible) before going outdoors and reapplying every two hours or more frequently if sweating or swimming.
- Strategies are in place to remind students to apply sunscreen before going outdoors (e.g. reminder notices)
- When attending sport carnivals, camp and swimming carnivals sunscreen is supplied

APPROVED UNIFORM ITEMS:

Cool, loose-fitting, sun protective clothing is included in our school uniform/dress code. It includes shirts with collars and elbow-length sleeves, longer dresses and shorts. Rash vests or t-shirts are encouraged for outdoor swimming

TOPS:

- Findon logo or plain green or gold polo tops
- Plain green or gold skivvies
- Findon logo or plain green windcheaters
- Findon logo or plain green polar fleece vest
- Findon logo or plain green bomber jacket
- Findon logo or plain green long sleeved polar fleece zip jacket
- Year 6 signature tops
- School endorsed special event clothing eg choir/performance t-shirts

PANTS:

- Plain long black trousers or plain green/black track pants (three quarter length pants, leggings or cargo pants are not permitted)
- Plain black/green gabardine shorts

DRESSES:

- Dresses in the Findon school material only
- Winter tunic/skirt in Findon school material
- Dark green or black tights may be worn with dresses and skirts

SKIRTS:

- Green or black netball skirt with green or black sports briefs or bike shorts worn underneath (leggings of any kind are not permitted)
- Green or black skirts

HATS:

- Only specified wide brimmed, bucket or legionnaire style school hats which protect the face, neck and ears are acceptable
- Consistent with our Sun Smart policy, hats must be worn outside from September to the end of April. A 'No Hat, No Play' policy is followed. Students without a hat will be directed to a designated shade area
- Plain green woollen beanie with or without school logo can be worn in winter
- Hats are not to be worn inside
- Baseball caps are NOT permitted

FOOTWEAR:

- Standard black school shoes, black runners or black elasticised boots (no colour)
- Runners should be worn for physical education and sport sessions
- For safety reasons sandals, dress shoes, ballet flats, thongs, gum boots, high heels or platform shoes must not be worn. We encourage all students to wear shoes that support their feet and ankles and are suitable for all school activities
- White, dark green or black socks should be worn. Socks must be worn at all times

SUNGLASSES: (Australian standards)

Close-fitting, wrap-around sunglasses that meet the Australian Standard 1067 (Sunglasses: Category 2, 3 or 4) are encouraged, and sunglasses are compulsory from September to the end of April for all outdoor activities. It is strongly recommended for students to wear sunglasses for all outdoor activities year round.

OTHER:

- Plain green/black gloves
- For safety reasons, scarves should be worn to and from school and not during school hours
- Green or black coats and water proof jackets can be worn

- When layering long sleeve tops under short sleeved tops the two tops must match (no hoodies)

PERSONAL APPEARANCE:

- Plain, standard sized stud earrings and standard sized sleepers worn in the ears and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- Necklaces or lanyards are not permitted for safety reasons
- Extreme hair colours and extreme hairstyles are not permitted
- Cosmetics and nail polish should not be worn at school and students will be asked to remove it
- For health reasons, shoulder length hair must be tied back at all times
- Hair ties and headbands should be in school colours

STAFF AND VISITORS

- As part of OHS UV risk controls and role-modelling, staff, families and visitors:
 - wear a sun protective hat, covering clothing and, if practical, sunglasses;
 - apply sunscreen; and
 - seek shade whenever possible.

EVALUATION: This policy shall be reviewed as part of the ongoing policy and process review.

REFERENCE:

DET website

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/management/pages/dresscode.aspx>

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/health/pages/sun.aspx>

SunSmart website/app

<http://www.sunsmart.com.au/>

Approved Uniform Item List (office)