

SECRETARY'S INSTRUCTION

NO 6 FOR STATE SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE

Statement

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I, Jenny Gale, being the Secretary of the Department of Education, make the following instruction pursuant to section 103 of the *Education Act 2016*.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this Secretary's Instruction is to set out the matters that a Principal is to take into account in developing a dress code for the students at that school.

2. Scope

This Instruction applies to all State schools.

This Instruction comes into effect on 10 July 2017.

3. Instructions

- 3.1 All students attending a State school in Prep to Year 10 must wear a school uniform.
- 3.2 The school uniform must be in accordance with the school's student dress code if the school chooses to have a dress code for students.
- 3.3 In developing a dress code for the students at the school, a Principal should take into account:
 - a. the need to be inclusive of students from diverse backgrounds and circumstances;
 - b. the need to be compliant with relevant legislation such as the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*, *Sex Discrimination Act 1984*, *Anti-Discrimination Act 1998 (Tas)*, and *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*, health and safety requirements and sun smart policies;
 - c. the need to reflect school community standards and balance the rights of individual students with the best interests of the whole school community;
 - d. standards of acceptable or reasonable dress in relation to clothing worn by students, including headwear and footwear, and aspects of personal presentation;
 - e. uniform items that are durable and cost effective;
 - f. how to support students and families in hardship to meet uniform requirements;
 - g. how non-compliance with the dress code policy will be dealt with under the school's policy on behaviour management.

4. Definition

Dress code means	a set of requirements for how students should present themselves when attending or representing their school. For students in Prep to Year 10 it includes the wearing of a uniform. For students in Year 11 and 12 it may include a standard of dress. The Dress code extends to personal appearance of students, (e.g. hair colour, jewellery, headwear, and footwear).
Uniform means	a distinct set of clothing worn by members of the same organisation, and may include a school emblem and colour scheme.

Table 1: Definition of terms

5. Details

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6. History of Changes

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Table 3: History of document changes