Uniform Policy

Rationale:

This school and its community firmly believe that our students need to wear a uniform to:

- Instil pride and self esteem
- Promote the school in a positive, unified manner as students are our frontline representatives
- Develop a sense of unity and belonging
- Assist in self organizational skill development
- Prepare for stricter compliance as workplace conditions become more complex
- Promote an effective teaching and learning environment by eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at school
- Begin to consolidate a sense and maintenance of standards
- Promote a safe working environment for learning by enabling ready identification of students and non – students of the school
- Provide parents with sensible options with sensible cost effective pricing of this major item of schooling expenditure
- Fosters mutual respect among individuals at school by minimising visible evidence of economic, class and social differences

Our Uniform

From 2005 our uniform will consist of :

- hats
- poly cotton polo shirts
- royal blue shorts / skirts
- shoes

The hat is compulsory for outside play. Royal blue, broad brimmed floppy hats are specifically targeted for utility and compliance with the Queensland Cancer Council’s Sun Smart guidelines. Any other style of hat / cap not within the Sun Smart guidelines is not permissible and students will be restricted during playtimes.
The current Shirt designed and developed some years ago represents our traditional school colours in a modern design with comfort in our tropical climate closely considered amongst a range of factors. This shirt can be purchased through the school.

The royal blue shorts are now also available through the school. Previously the colour had presented as a difficulty to purchase uniformly. Whilst an array of sizes is available a choice of three styles now exists to cater for individual preferences and additional comfort considerations. A royal blue pleated skirt is also an option for girls although not available from the school.

Shoes are an integral part of the uniform for any “away from school” activity. Shoes need to be fully enclosed, comfortable, worn with socks and have a neat and tidy appearance. Parents are at liberty to decide on the wearing of shoes in our everyday context.

**Operating Principles**

To achieve the highest rate of compliance possible, our P & C Association highly endorses and actively supports this policy by establishing these principles.

1. The P&C Association provides stocks of all items of uniform excluding shoes and skirts.

2. Cost are rigorously kept to a minimum by frugal stock taking and earnest fundraising

3. A “seconds” pool of uniforms has been established for parents wishing to take advantage of this opportunity.

4. Part payments can be made along with a formally signed off repayment schedule.

**Conclusion**
This policy has developed from a consultative process where parents were invited and notified that discussions would take place over a period of three monthly meetings. As such there will be a review in 2007 to again address any concerns which may arise in the meantime.

This policy addresses a number of concerns raised by parents and attempts to overcome compliance and availability of the specified short colour.

It’s anticipated that the policy will be adopted at the December 2004 meeting of the Association and widely presented at the break up night and through the Information Booklet.