Picton High School

School Uniform Policy

Rationale:
The Picton High School community is committed to upholding the expectation that students wear school uniform. A school uniform promotes a positive identity for Picton High School students within the wider community, and is endorsed by the Picton High School Parents and Citizens Association. A recognisable uniform helps develop students’ sense of belonging, and enhances the health and safety of students when involved in sporting and practical lessons within the school curriculum. Wearing school uniform promotes a sense of inclusiveness, reduces discrimination, and fosters equal opportunity, as it helps to reduce the incidence of negative stereotypes that branded clothing can produce.

Aims:
1. To ensure that all students wear the Picton High School uniform to increase the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school.
2. To make certain that the wearing of the school uniform complies with all Workplace Health and Safety requirements.

Process
• The full school uniform should be worn to school every day. Senior jerseys may be worn by senior students.
• All students must wear completely black, fully enclosed leather footwear. Students who are not wearing fully enclosed leather footwear are excluded from participation in any practical lessons. It is a legal requirement that all students wear fully enclosed leather shoes to school each day except sport day.
• Junior students must wear their sports uniform on Sports day or at other organised sporting events. Sport uniform includes appropriate sports shoes.
• If a student is wearing an unsuitable or inappropriate item of clothing, the school will provide a replacement item from the uniform pool for the day (if available). The item of clothing that they wore to school will be stored for the day by the Head Teacher Uniform and returned at the end of the school day.

If a student is unable to wear the full uniform to school then:
• The student must have their diary stamped at the front of the school prior to the start of the school day. Students who arrive after the bell must sign in at Student Central and have their diary stamped.
• A signed note must be provided from the student’s parent/carer, explaining the reason for being out of uniform.
• If a student fails to follow correct procedures or is repeatedly out of uniform, the student will be required to complete community service.
• Head Teachers will monitor DEAR groups to ensure compliance with this policy.
• Teachers may inspect students’ diaries at any time. If a student is unable to demonstrate that they have complied with the above procedures, the teacher will log the matter on the school’s central data base and the student will be required to complete community service.
• Students who persistently present to school without full school uniform, with or without a note, will be interviewed by the Head Teacher.

Evaluation
This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

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