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Introduction – how this policy was informed

At Yeo Park Infants School, we have a diverse community with diverse views; this is something we celebrate.

After consultation with members of the community including parents, students and school staff, it was clear that there was a diverse range of opinions on the school uniform - from family members who wanted to keep the uniform exactly as it was, to those who wanted to get rid of a uniform entirely, and many different views in between.

There were also many different personal preferences regarding which items of clothing were most comfortable or practical.

Given this healthy diversity of views and lack of consensus, we decided that *uniformity* was not the most important consideration when forming this policy.

The safety, comfort and choice of the students, and family considerations such as affordability and ease of purchase were prioritised.

For families who value the school uniform, we will maintain our traditional colours – maroon and sky blue – as part of a 'colour palette'.

How this is applied will be viewed with flexibility. Each family can make their own choices about how, when or if they choose items of clothing in these colours.

To maintain tradition, the school P&C will provide a small range of items incorporating the school logo, where a volunteer uniform coordinator is available from the parent body to take on this job.

Any parent/carer or student who has concerns or who needs support with regard to any aspect of the uniform or this policy, is welcome to contact the Principal.

1. Uniform at Yeo Park is Optional

At Yeo Park Infants School, uniform is **optional**.

This means that you / your child can choose what your child wears to school each day.

There are some limitations and safety considerations which are listed below (see 'Limitations').

Apart from those listed limitations, it is up to you and your child to choose whatever items of clothing you and your child consider best suits your child, is most comfortable or most appropriate.

2. Limitations – for safety and wellbeing

- Students must wear 'closed toe' shoes at all times (ie *not* sandals, crocs or thongs).
- Students must be 'sunsafe' ie. they must wear a hat every day with a brim and neck coverage; shoulders must be covered.
- On excursions, students must wear a sky blue shirt (eg school polo shirt) and a school hat.
- All clothing must be clearly labelled with the child's name.
- All clothing must be age-appropriate.
- Clothing should allow children to run, play and move freely with comfort.
- On sports days (generally Fridays), children must wear appropriate sports attire including running shoes/ trainers.

3. Uniform guidelines – the colour palette

At Yeo Park Infants School, we **do not** have specific items of clothing as part of the uniform. Instead, we have an optional 'colour palette' of **maroon** and **sky blue**.

For example, on a standard school day:

- A child can wear, as they have done traditionally, maroon shorts or long pants, with a sky blue shirt.
- Or a child can wear items of clothing which contain elements of those colours – such as chequered pants or shirt.
- Or a child can wear other items of clothing of different colours.

The exception is for school excursions or special events at the school's request when a child must wear a sky blue shirt.

4. Uniform and gender – no boys’ or girls’ uniforms

At Yeo Park Infants School, **we do not have a boys’ uniform and a girls’ uniform.**

Any item of clothing can be worn at any time by any child eg. a boy can wear a dress; a girl can wear pants. Any child of any gender can wear whatever they like.

5. Uniform shop

A limited number of new uniform items are available for purchase from the P&C uniform shop.

These include:

- Maroon school hat (with school logo)
- Sky blue short sleeved polo shirt (with logo)
- Maroon zipper jacket (with sew on badge/logo)
- ‘Hi viz’ (high visibility) school bag

The P&C also operates a second hand uniform shop from time-to-time.

It is **recommended** that all students purchase, at a minimum, **one polo shirt and one school hat** from the uniform shop for excursions.

To purchase uniform items from the P&C, please go to the P&C website www.yeoparkpandc.org.au or collect an order form from the school office.

For a list of other uniform/clothing suppliers, please refer to the P&C website www.yeoparkpandc.org.au.

6. Taking care of your uniform

Please talk to your child about being responsible for their belongings.

Any item not collected from lost property after two weeks will be given to the second hand uniform shop for sale or disposal.

7. Other considerations

We suggest parents consider avoiding items that are heavily commercialised, such as promotional merchandise for a film or other commercial product, or clothing that has obvious or dominating logos.

8. Assistance and support

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