Vale Park Primary School
Dress Code Policy

Context
Education Regulation 189a on school dress code (January 27, 1994) provides as follows:-

♦ the right for Governing Councils to determine school dress policy
♦ consultation entitlements and processes
♦ enforcement obligations and exemption conditions

("Administrative Instructions and Guidelines", Section 3, Student Matters, Paragraph 95)

At Vale Park Primary School we believe that the School Dress Code
• promotes a sense of belonging and pride in the school community
• gives the school a unique identity
• creates a sense of equity for the students
• is practical in its application to a wide range of physical activities and weather conditions.
• it is appropriate for both boys and girls offering a wide range of choices to suit activities
• ensures students observe health, safety and decency standards
• eliminates competition for brand name, denim and “fad” clothing and the wearing of inappropriate clothes and accessories.

Implementation of the Dress Code
While it is expected that all students will comply to the Dress Code the Principal may exempt students upon written request from a parent/guardian. Grounds on which a parent/guardian may seek exemption are
• religious
• cultural or ethnic
• new students (time to purchase, may wear previous uniform)
• itinerant students
• financial hardship
• genuine medical reasons
• other additional grounds determined by the Governing Council as the need arises.

Compliance Obligations
Any student not wearing school uniform will be in the first place counselled and reminded verbally to observe the dress code. Contact will be made with parents.

Should the student continue to ignore the school's dress code the Student Behaviour Management Policy will be followed and appropriate consequences implemented.

School Uniform
Items for Girls and Boys include the following approved items
• Navy cargo or drawstring shorts
• Navy track pants
• Navy cargo pants
• Navy or pale blue skivvy
• Navy or pale blue polo shirt with school emblem
• Navy Windcheater with school emblem
• Navy rugby top
• Navy polar fleece vest
• Navy raincoat or parka

Additional items for Girls
Winter: Navy tarton skirt or pinafore
Pale blue shirt
Navy stockings
Navy Bootleg pants
Navy Culottes
Summer: Blue check patterned school dress

Additional Items for Year 7 students
• Year 7 windcheater
• Year 7 polo shirt
• Year 7 hat

Approved items are available from the school and are on display in the Uniform Shop located in the Ascot Room (at the back of the Multi Purpose Room).

Please note: items of denim eg jeans are not permitted.

Shoes
Suitable footwear is important, not only for foot development and comfort but for participation in games and physical activity.

Approved footwear includes
• Runners
• Black or brown school shoes
• Brown or Navy Roman sandals in summer
*Thongs, slip on sandals, platform and fashion shoes are not permitted to be worn to school.

Hats
Students are required to wear an approved school hat (legionnaire or bucket, with school logo) which shades the face, ears and neck.

Governing Council has approved the trial a hat free period from Week 6 Term 2 2007 until the end of Term 3 2007 when the wearing of hats will be reviewed. During this time students must keep an approved hat at school to wear at the discretion of their teacher.
Sports Uniform
Students representing the school in school and out of school hours competitions are required to wear the appropriate uniform, footwear and protective gear as required by that sport. A school tracksuit is available as an optional extra.
Please note the tracksuit and sports shirt do not form a part of the daily school uniform and is only to be worn to sporting practices and events.

Jewellery
Items of jewellery permitted include
- Fine chain with or without a small charm
- Wristwatch
- Plain surgical or gold earring studs or sleepers
- A single bangle
- Single signet ring
*Items of fashion jewellery are not permitted to be worn to school. For safety reasons students will be asked to remove these items and the Student Behaviour Management Policy followed if required. Parents will be contacted if the problem persists.

Nail Polish and Make-up
Clear nail varnish only is permitted. Make-up is not permitted – however clear lip gloss or clear lip moisturiser is permitted. Students will be asked to remove inappropriate nail varnish and make-up.

Hair
Due to the health issues associated with body image and the nature of toxic chemicals in hair dyes students are discouraged from colouring or highlighting their hair.
Coloured sprays may be used on special occasions eg Sports Day, Crazy Hair Day or school socials.

Updating the Dress Code
The dress code will be reviewed regularly and updated in consultation, as appropriate, with
- suppliers
- the Principal
- Uniform Coordinator
- Uniform Committee
- parents and students.

Changing the Dress Code
Any major change to the school dress code will be implemented only after consultation with parents followed by a formal notification period of six months.

Reviewed and approved by Governing Council 2007

*Please keep this document for your reference