1. PURPOSE

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Uniform Policy and dress code.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

   a) To promote equality amongst all students.
   b) To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
   c) To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
   d) To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

3. IMPLEMENTATION

   a) All students are required to wear the prescribed school uniform of Melton West Primary School.
      - Royal blue windcheater – gold school logo
      - Royal blue track pants
      - Royal blue skort – (No netball skirts)
      - Royal blue bomber jacket, striped rib – gold school logo
      - Gold polo shirt – royal blue logo
      - Royal blue polo shirt – gold logo
      - Gold or royal blue skivvy
      - Royal blue shorts
      - Blue and white check school dress
      - Black school shoes or closed runners
      - White socks
      - Navy blue/grey tights (No leggings)
      - Royal blue broad brimmed or legionnaires school hat with gold logo (A plain royal blue hat is acceptable, but no logo other than the school logo should be visible)
      - Iron-on school logos will be available from the school

   b) Appropriate School Council approved school uniform for students will be readily available for purchase through Lowes available at Woodgrove Shopping Centre Melton

   c) Sunsmart hats (broad brimmed or bucket) are a part of the school uniform, but are only compulsory on a daily basis during Terms 1 and 4 while students are outside, including all physical education activities and excursions. Outside this period they may be worn if a specific request is made by the school for a nominated reason. Hats are not to be worn inside. No baseball caps.

   d) The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.

   e) Art smocks are required to be worn to protect the school uniform during all Art activities. They must be long sleeved and come down to the knees.
f) Approved Australian standard (No.1067) sunglasses may be worn at school.
g) Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
h) Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
i) Extreme hair colors (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted.
j) The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
k) School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code and School Uniform Policy.
l) Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
m) Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code and School Uniform Policy due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal for consideration.

4. EVALUATION AND REVIEW

4.1 This policy will be reviewed as part of our school’s regular three-year review cycle.

5. DEFINITIONS

6. RATIFIED

6.1 This policy was ratified by the Melton West Primary School Council on Monday 9th of December 2013.