



Kilkenny Primary School Uniform Policy

Purpose:

Students attending Kilkenny Primary School need to wear clothing that allows them to:

- participate safely and easily in all areas of the curriculum and
- identify themselves as members of our school community.

Rationale:

Wearing of school uniform enables students to:

- Develop a strong **sense of identity** as members of the school community.
- Minimise the likelihood of **undue pressure** from friends and others impacting on students' choice of clothing
- Concentrate on **learning** instead of being distracted by what is "in" fashion.
- Reduces **pressure on families** to provide popular (and often expensive) brands of clothing.
- Enables students to get dressed with **minimal fuss** in the mornings and
- Ensures that **children are safe** throughout the school day as staff can easily identify Kilkenny Primary students from intruders and outsiders.

Wearing of school uniform enhances school pride and the positive image of Kilkenny Primary School.

Guidelines:

1. Clothing

The school uniform will consist of:

- Navy blue **polo top with a collar** (short or long sleeved).
- Navy blue **windcheater / zip up jacket / jumper / boss top**
- Navy blue **pants (jeans are unacceptable)**
- Navy blue **shorts**
- Navy blue **knee-length skirts (netball skirts are acceptable) or shorts**
- Navy blue and white **checked school dresses**.
- A supply of good quality and inexpensive polo tops, windcheaters and hats with the KPS logo are available for purchase at the school front office.
- Large logos and brand names are not acceptable
- It is expected that school clothing will adequately cover sensitive areas of the body to protect the skin from damage. (eg strapless, sleeveless and shoe string tops are not to be worn)
- Families are welcome to purchase clothing of school colours (Navy Blue) from other retail outlets.
- The dress code applies during school hours and when students are on school excursions.
- Colourful long sleeve shirts under navy / gold polo shirts are unacceptable and students will be asked to remove them.

2. Hats

- Students are required to wear a **school approved hat** in line with **Sunsmart Policy**. Hats printed with KPS logo are available for purchase at the front office.
- School approved hats are **Legionnaires, Broad brimmed and Narrower brimmed** in navy blue. No other hats, caps or beanies may be worn at school.

3. Shoes

- Shoes should be appropriate for involvement in physical activity. Closed in shoes are preferable. Slip-on shoes, thongs and high / wedge heels should not be worn as they present a safety risk.

4. Cosmetics and Jewellery

- Cosmetics may not be worn by students at school. This includes nail polish.
- Body Piercings, large ear-rings and chains are not to be worn.(sleepers and studs may be worn in ears)

Consequences / Enforcement:

- When students arrive for school in clothing that does not fit the school dress code
 1. **Contact** will be made with the parent/caregiver, by phone and / or by letter.
 2. The student will then be offered a **spare school top** which they will wear for the school day and will need to return prior to being dismissed in the afternoon.
 3. If the student chooses not to wear the spare top and / or a school uniform and / or a hat, then the student will **sit out of play** in the "No Hat – No Uniform – No Play" area.
- Families who are having difficulty obtaining the school uniform should feel free to discuss this confidentially with the Principal.