DRESS CODE POLICY

Rationale: Scarborough Primary School believes the wearing of a school uniform promotes a sense of identity and discourages competitive dressing amongst students. Parents are strongly encouraged to purchase all items from the uniform shop to ensure compliance.

Purpose:
1. To encourage the wearing of school uniform by providing sanctions for students not complying with the dress code.
2. To provide parents and students with a dress code that is: safe and appropriate for school activities, provides some choice, is affordable to parents and considers the risk of ultraviolet radiation.
3. To provide appropriate processes for exemption or modification related to student health, ethnic considerations, religion or any other matter which in the Principal's opinion is sufficient to exempt a student from the dress code requirements.

Guidelines
Items designated on the current “School Uniform Order Form” constitute the dress code. In summary this is:

**Summer Boys**
Bottle green cargo short / pant, emerald green Scarborough polo shirt with logo, green brimmed / bucket hat with logo.

**Winter Boys**
Bottle green cargo short / pant, emerald green Scarborough polo shirt with logo, green brimmed / bucket hat with logo. Green polo fleece with logo, bottle green track pants.

**Summer Girls**
Green skort, green bootleg pant, dress, emerald green Scarborough polo shirt with logo, green brimmed / bucket hat with logo, green netball skirt.

**Winter Girls**
Green bootleg pant, dress, emerald green Scarborough polo shirt with logo, green brimmed / bucket hat with logo, green netball skirt, green polo fleece with logo, bottle green track pants, skort.

**Faction T-Shirts**
To be worn on the allocated sports day.

**Financial Difficulties**
Families who may experience financial difficulties regarding the purchase of a uniform should contact the Principal to seek a solution.
Modifications
Parents of students who for religious or health reasons, may wish to modify the school dress code, are required to make an appointment with the Principal or Deputy Principal. Staff will be informed of any student granted a modification to the dress code.

Other
Students are permitted to wear stud style earrings / small sleepers, headbands and green stockings with the dress. Bike shorts (black / bottle green) can be worn under skirts / dress provided they do not protrude from underneath the garment. Other colours are NOT permitted. Makeup is not permitted. Excessive amounts of jewellery are not permitted unless for religious / cultural reasons and permission has been sought through the Principal. Long hair must be tied back for health & safety reasons. Shoes must be enclosed, safe and practical. No thongs / crocs etc are be worn unless for strict medical reasons or during interm swimming lessons.

Sanctions
Students not complying with the dress code will be counselled and resolution of their concerns sought. Non-compliance with the dress code where exemptions have not been sought will result in a student being prevented from attending any activity in respect of which the student is representing the school both in school and out of school hours.

Exemptions
Exemptions will be negotiated with the Principal at the time of enrolment. The grounds for exemption or modification relate to health, ethnic considerations, religion or any other matter which in the Principal’s opinion is suffice to exempt a student from dress code requirements. A provision of a temporary exemption will be made to accommodate new students and the non availability of dress code items or significant change in student circumstances. A record of the exemption will be provided to the student’s parents and teachers and placed in the student’s file.

Enrolment
Acceptance of enrolment at Scarborough Primary School assumes an agreement between the school, parent/carer that the enrolling student will follow the school’s dress code. Grounds for exemption should be raised and agreed at this time. If the school dress code is unacceptable, parents have the right to apply for admission to a school where the dress code reflects their preference.

Review
As consultation with the school community has occurred via the School Dress Code Committee and the Implementation Committee, it is intended that this policy will have a life of three years before review. April 2015.