



# JINGILI SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## COMPULSORY UNIFORM POLICY

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### Rationale

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.

### Historical

In 2006 the Minister for Employment, Education and Training advised Principals to begin the process of developing and implementing a policy for the introduction of Compulsory School Uniforms in 2008. The Jingili Community School Council ratified a dress code of a compulsory uniform after consultation with staff, students and the parent community in 2007.

This policy requires that all students from Transition to Year 9 in Government schools wear a School Council approved school uniform.

The Compulsory School Uniform Policy applies from the year 2008. Review of the uniform items will be made every three years and the Policy will be reviewed annually by the School Community Council.

All students from Jingili Primary School will wear a uniform as specified in this dress code and aspects of the dress code are in accordance with Department of Education policy.

### Aims

In adopting a Compulsory School Uniform Policy, the Jingili Community School Council identifies the key purpose as:

- Fostering in our students a sense of collective and individual pride in their school;
- Allowing students and the wider community to identify with the school;
- Providing greater safety and security on site and when travelling, by the quick identification of our students;
- Providing clothing styles which are economical for parents and reduce the competitive dressing;
- Provides clothing which is safe and suitable for all primary school activities.

### The Uniform

Jingili students are expected to wear the Jingili School polo shirt with the Jingili School logo at all times. In 2013 students will also have the option of wearing Jingili School shirts incorporating their house logo. The polo shirt must be worn in combination with the following:-

#### **BOYS**

- Maroon shorts or pants
- Shoes: Running shoe, casual enclosed shoe or sandals
- Hat: bucket or broad rimmed in accordance with the Sun smart policy

#### **GIRLS**

- Maroon skirt; shorts, pants or skorts
- Shoes: Running shoe, casual enclosed shoe or sandal
- Hat: bucket or broad rimmed in accordance with the Sun smart policy

Alternatively girls may elect to wear

- Dress: checked blue/maroon

Please note:

- If parents wish for their child to be in a 100% cotton uniform it must have the school logo on the uniform.
- Hats are compulsory for physical education and when outdoors all year round in accordance with the Sun smart policy
- Running shoes or enclosed footwear must be worn for physical education
- On days of physical education, girls are encouraged not to wear skirts or dresses.

#### **Purchasing**

Uniform items are available to be purchased from the front office during school business hours. Parents are able to utilise the NT Governments Back to School Voucher Program if they wish. Second hand uniforms will be available at reduced prices.

We appreciate donations of second hand uniforms from students who have outgrown them or who are leaving.

#### **Enforcement of Dress Code**

In order to preserve the rights and equality for students, Jingili Primary School has ratified the following guidelines dealing with exceptions and sanctions. The Compulsory Uniform Policy applies during school hours, to and from school and when engaged in any school activity. It is expected that all students will attend school in school uniform and that teachers and parents will encourage the compliance with the dress code. Parents are expected to send a letter if for some reason their child is out of uniform.

Uniform free days will allow students whose parents so desire, to attend out of uniform on these days. (Sun smart rules still apply)

Students not complying with the dress codes will be spoken to by the school leadership team. Second hand uniform pieces will be offered for students to borrow for the day. Further non compliance will include follow up with the parent/carer.

Staff who notice a child/children frequently out of uniform should refer them to the school leadership team for follow up. The Principal/Assistant Principal may at their discretion, negotiate with parents either in person or by letter, the non-compliance with dress code.

### **Exemptions**

In order for the Council to comply with equal opportunity, a process of exemption is required.

The Principal may, at their discretion grant an exemption, (short or long term) from part or all of the uniform, where a parent/carer can demonstrate a sound reason eg, health reasons, on the basis of Cultural/Religious beliefs or particular economic hardship

All requests for an exemption should be in writing, addressed to the Principal.