Philosophical Basis:

Doncaster Gardens Primary School believes that a student dress code will encourage a sense of individual and collective pride in students and their identification with the school. In addition, it has the potential to promote group security and enhance the safety of individual students.

Guidelines:

• The school will design a uniform, taking into consideration the cultural diversity of the students.
• Details of this uniform and acceptable footwear will be published and made available to the school community.
• It is a requirement that all students wear the school uniform.
• Students who need to wear a modified school uniform or wear additional garments for religious, cultural, medical or health reasons will be supported. Such modifications and additions to the uniform need to be in the school uniform colours of navy, jade and white.
• Assistance in acquiring the uniform will be offered to those in need, eg State Schools’ Relief Fund.
• Students will be expected to wear their uniforms when representing the school, except when the activity is better suited to other forms of dress, eg on camp.
• A special Doncaster Gardens Primary School top can be worn when representing the school and on sports days.
• Footwear should be neat and safe, protecting the toes and ankles and suitable for participation in all school activities.
• The only jewellery items that are permitted to be visible are watches and stud or sleeper earrings.
• Students must have natural hair color.
• Hair ribbons and accessories (except hair pins) must be in the school colors of navy and/or jade.
• Long hair should be tied back for health and safety reasons, and to keep the hair out of the eyes when working.
• Parents will be encouraged to provide students with the school back pack available at the school uniform supplier.

Implementation:

• All families will be given a copy of the school dress code. Prospective students and parents will be notified of the dress code requirements prior to enrolment at the school.
• Parents will need to provide an explanation, either verbally or with a note, for children who are out of uniform.
• The school navy Sunsmart hat will be compulsory as per the Sunsmart Policy. Children not wearing their hats will be required to stay in a designated area – out of the sun.
• Positive feedback will be given when children are in uniform.

Evaluation:

• Ongoing evaluation of the suitability of the school uniform will occur.
• This policy will be reviewed every three years as part of the policy review cycle.