The Lakes Entrance Primary School Council has established a Uniform Policy for all students. Council expects that this policy applies during school hours, whilst travelling to and from school and when participating in out-of-school activities, except, where parents are advised by staff.

**Rationale:**

It is our belief that wearing a school uniform is a positive means of promoting a sense of individual and collective pride in the students and their identification with the school. It also helps to promote a sense of security and enhances the safety of individuals and groups of students both within the school grounds and outside.

**School Uniform:**

**Daily Uniform**

School uniform is compulsory for all students each day and on school excursions. Sometimes out of uniform days are held as special fundraising days, as approved by School Council. We believe wearing a uniform develops a sense of belonging and pride in our school and we urge parents to support us by ensuring their children wear their uniform each day.

**Uniform List**

The overall uniform is white tops and black shorts, long pants or skorts.

The basic uniform includes:
- Plain Black long pants (e.g. tracksuits, Gabardine pants)
- Black shorts (basketball shorts or gabardine).
  For safety concerns, cargo shorts and/or pants with excessive pockets are not approved
- White Polo Shirts (long or short sleeves).
- Bottle green graduation year polo tops worn by grade 6 students to help promote a sense of pride and leadership.
- Green & white check dress (summer)
- Bottle green fleece jackets and vests.
- Bottle green wide brim hat.
- Socks - White or black socks.
- Shoes - White or black runners, gym boots, or black school shoes.

*Please ensure that your child wears a comfortable and practical pair of shoes. Some shoes and sandals may look nice but are not suitable for many activities and may place your child at risk. NOTE: Thongs and open sandals are not permitted as they do not provide sufficient protection. Where students are not wearing appropriate footwear for school activities, the teachers have the right to refuse participation of students in those activities.*

Uniforms for Lakes Entrance Primary School may be purchased through the school for a very reasonable price. The school is the sole supplier of uniforms and bags with the official Lakes Entrance Primary School logo. Second hand items are sold through the uniform shop.

**Unacceptable Clothing includes:**
- Backless footwear
- Earrings to be discouraged except for studs and sleepers
- Jewellery.
- Inappropriate or offensively printed T-shirts or windcheaters
- Singlets or tank tops
- Intentionally ripped clothing
The wearing of unacceptable clothing will be noted and a letter sent to parents stating such. Further infringements of the Uniform Policy may result in temporary replacement clothing being provided for by the school.

**Hats** (Bottle Green Broad Brimmed)
It is school policy for hats to be worn whenever the students are outside during Terms 1 & 4 (as per the school’s SunSmart Policy). Hats must be broad brimmed or legionnaire style. Failure to comply will result in the child being sent to a shady area until a suitable hat can be worn.

**Sports Uniform** (to be worn when representing the school at sporting events)
Black shorts and school sports shirt (provided by the school prior to interschool sporting events).

**Hair**
Hair should be kept tidy and preferably pulled back if long (this also assist with the prevention of head lice). Head bands should be black, green or white in colour. Dyeing hair to unnatural colours and bizarre hairstyles are not considered appropriate for school.

**Sunglasses**
Approved Cancer Council sunglasses are recommended during Terms 1 and 4 (as per the school’s SunSmart Policy).

**Discrimination**
This policy does not discriminate directly or indirectly, against students on the basis of their sex, race, ethnic group, nationality, religious beliefs, marital status, colour or disability.

**Exemptions**
Grounds for exemptions will be provided where:
- an aspect of the policy offends a religious belief held by the student and/or parents
- an aspect of the policy prevents the student from complying with a requirement of his or her ethnic or cultural background
- an aspect of the policy prevents students with disabilities from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students
- the student has a particular health condition that requires an aspect of the policy to be departed from

Applications for exemption need to be made to the Principal and will be addressed accordingly. The operational tasks of granting exemption on the basis of the grounds stated in the policy and the administrative decisions associated with its enforcement belong to the management role of the Principal.

**Evaluation:**
This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three year review cycle