



LAKES ENTRANCE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dress Code (Students) Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Lakes Entrance Primary School's requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by Lakes Entrance Primary School's School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Lakes Entrance Primary School's commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM & APPEARANCE

The full list of Example School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Example School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

Footwear

All footwear must have closed toes and closed backs. Any style of closed, comfortable and safe shoes (no wheels etc) are acceptable in any colour with the exception of any offensive or inappropriate prints.

Jewellery and cosmetics

For safety reasons, students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

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Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair must be tied back to help restrict the spread of head lice and for student safety, staff always have spare hair ties for those that arrive at school with their hair down.

School uniform hats must be worn outside in Term 1 and Term 4 and on any other day where UV ratings are high. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from the main office at school.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or office staff to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

Lakes Entrance Primary School also has some second-hand uniforms available to families on request.

IMPLEMENTATION

Lakes Entrance Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and at school tours / on enrolment. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school. Students with hair untied may be asked to put hair up while at school.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by Lakes Entrance Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background

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- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Lakes Entrance Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on our website www.lakesps.vic.edu.au or from our office.

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- Lakes Entrance Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Lakes Entrance Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Lakes Entrance Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was last updated on **October 2023** and is scheduled for review on **October 2025**

Signed:



Principal

Ratified by School Council	Date: / /	Signed:
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APPENDIX A:

SCHOOL UNIFORM PRICE LIST	SIZES 4 up
Polo Fleece half Zip jacket	\$28.00
Polo Fleece full Zip Jacket	\$30.00
Fleecy Vest	\$22.00
Polo Top Short Sleeve Unique Design (Grade 6 only) approximately	\$25.00
Polo Tops Long Sleeve (green/white) with Logo	\$25.00
Polo tops (green/white) (Short Sleeve) with Logo	\$22.00
Black Gabardine Pants with elastic waist (Plain)	\$17.50
Track Pants (Black) reinforced knees	\$20.00
Basketball Shorts (Black)	\$12.00
Rugby Knit Shorts (Black)	\$12.00
Gabardine Shorts	\$14.00
Gabardine Skorts	\$19.00
Green and white school dress	\$19.00
Hats (Bottle green) bucket hat	\$8.00
School Bags with Logo	\$45.00

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