

2019

Student Dress Code Policy

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Purpose:

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

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Lara 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.

The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

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 and Appearance:

The School uniform is based on the colours of bottle (dark) green and gold and is compulsory for students when attending school and events representing Lara Primary School.

- The uniform includes:
 - ✓ Green and white check dress (bike shorts and tights ONLY to be worn under dress)
 - ✓ LPS Green windcheater
 - ✓ Gold skivvies
 - ✓ Green tights
 - ✓ Knee length check skirt
 - ✓ Green knee length skirt
 - ✓ LPS Green rugby top
 - ✓ LPS Green baseball jackets
 - ✓ Green trousers
 - ✓ Long/short sleeve gold polo tops;
 - ✓ Green shorts
 - ✓ Green track pants
 - ✓ Black or brown shoes that cover the toes
 - ✓ Sports shoes with soft white soles
 - ✓ Green/grey/white socks
- Hoodies are not a part of school uniform and therefore not permitted
- Netball skirts can be worn only on days of interschool sport by the school netball team
- Thongs or open toed sandals are not permitted
- Jewellery is not a part of school uniform and therefore not permitted at school. Students may wear a watch, medical bracelets and single chain necklaces for religious and medical reasons only. Students with pierced ears must wear standard size studs or small sleepers (see Dress Code Policy). No other types of earrings are permitted
- Hair should be clean, neat and tidy. Shoulder length hair is to be kept tied back at all times. No hair sprays, rinses etc. in bright colours are to be sprayed onto hair. Headbands/hair ties are to be in green, gold, black, brown or white. Only natural hair colour is acceptable
- The wearing of school hats is compulsory except between the months of May through to September. School hats must be broad-brimmed or bucket style. Caps are not permitted as they do not protect the neck and ears from the sun. If students graffiti or take the binding off the brim, a new hat will need to be purchased

- Make-up (e.g. foundation, lipstick, mascara, eye liner, eye shadow) is not part of school uniform and therefore not permitted to be worn by students
- Nails are to be kept clean and at a safe length, and only clear nail polish is permitted at school
- All visual clothing worn underneath school uniform is to be dark green or gold/yellow and print free
- Scarves and coats can be worn to and from school and during recess breaks (not during class times)
- Art smocks are to be worn in all art activities and are to be provided from home
- Students are also to be encouraged to wear AS1067, cancer council approved sunglasses in plain colours without pattern or branding
- The use of Lara Primary School bags is encouraged
- All items of school uniform are to be clearly named. Individual students are responsible to take care of their own clothing items
- At any out-of-uniform events, including school camps, students are to have shoulders, upper arms and midribs fully covered and are to wear closed in toe footwear. Skirts, shorts and dress lengths are to be appropriate for a school activity (no miniskirts)
- Parents/Carers will be informed in writing when school uniform is not required
- When riding bicycles or scooters to and from school, all students are to wear Australian approved bicycle helmets
- School uniform is to be sold by Bellarine Uniforms (nominated by the School Council)
- A list of uniform items and the price list are available from the school
- Lists of the items which make up the uniform are to be published on the school web-site
- The cost of all uniform items is to be met by parents/carers
- Parents/carers may purchase uniform in correct colours of dark green and gold/yellow from their own choice of outlet and iron-on logos are available from the school office
- Items of pre-loved uniform are available at a low cost
- Due to storage problems, unclaimed items of lost property will be either donated to the pre-loved uniform store, or appropriately disposed of, after a period of one month

Support for Families:

Please contact the Principal or Wellbeing Coordinator 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/>

Implementation:

Lara Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website. 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.

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.

Exemptions:

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

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

- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with 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.

Review of This Policy:

This policy will be reviewed every third year or more often if necessary due to changes in regulations or circumstances.

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