



LALOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

Creating a path of knowledge

Lalor Primary School Uniform and Dress Code Policy

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 and choice are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the School Uniform and Dress Code.

Purpose:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further, develop a sense of pride in, and identification with, and respect for their school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation:

- After consultation with the school community and the Student Representative Council, School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Student Uniform and Dress Code policy applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions or representing the school. Casual dress days may be held throughout the year and the students are not required to wear school uniform on these days.
- Parents must send a written request to the school excusing their child from wearing any item of school uniform on a particular day and outlining the reason.
- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Extreme hair colours (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted. Shoulder length or longer hair needs to be tied back for health reasons.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside in terms 1 & 4. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items, ordering procedures and the place of purchase, will be published on our website and on Compass at the start of each year.
- When a student is consistently out of uniform, without a valid reason, the Principal, Assistant Principal or teacher, will contact parents.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the student dress code in a manner consistent with the Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy guidelines.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal.
- Any changes to the uniform will be undertaken under the auspice of the Uniform Committee and only after consultation with the whole school community as per DEECD guidelines. A uniform committee comprising of parent representatives and staff will be established to oversee and recommend any changes to school uniform policy or uniform items.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- Items of clothing which are found but do not carry a name, will be put in 'Lost Property'. Lost property not collected by the end of the term will be placed in the wet day cupboard

In choosing a uniform for Lalor Primary School, the Uniform Committee has ensured our uniform is:

- Comfortable, practical, safe, easy to launder, modest, cost effective, and hard wearing, suited to school activities and seasonal weather patterns.
- Distinctive- providing a positive image for public education and our school.
- Supportive of our sun smart policy with a "NO HAT NO PLAY" expectation and two choices of hat styles.
- Suitable for all body types and students prep –grade 6.
- Accompanied by a designated bag (optional) which carries LPS logo and which is specifically designed to support student's backs by reducing stress on spines.
- Made in Australia to as great an extent as possible.

Expectations:

- The school and parent community expects that students will be fully outfitted with the prescribed Lalor Primary School uniform.
- All items of school uniform must be clearly labelled with the students' name.
- Correct school uniform is a condition for attendance on excursions and for representative sports as well as any other representative school activity.
- 'NO HAT NO PLAY" requires that any student without a school hat must remain in a designated shaded area during recess and lunch playtimes. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Shoes need to be enclosed with a flat heel. Sport shoes should be worn on days when PE or sports activities are scheduled.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle

DRESS CODE COMPULSORY UNIFORM

- School logos on short and long sleeved polos,
- Choice of School logo bomber jackets, logo windcheaters.
- Choice of logo navy shorts, bootleg or track pants, skorts
- Dress choice- LPS Blue, white check dress ,or navy tunic (winter option)
- School colour Sunsmart hats in terms 1 and 4.

OPTIONAL - able to purchase from school supplier or other source but not compulsory

- Logo navy school bag
- Plain white skivvies
- Navy blue beanies
- Gloves, jackets and scarves for winter
- Navy waterproof Jacket
- Navy tights
- Bike shorts and leggings **must be worn** under the school uniform

FOOTWEAR

- Runners or school shoes

NOT Acceptable

- No thongs, scuffs, high heels, beach sandals or open toe sandals
- Items of clothing with visible brands other than LPS logo
- Hats other than school issue
- No Denim
- Bike shorts and leggings must be worn under the school uniform

Ratified by School Council 22nd August 2017