



UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE POLICY

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STATEMENT

Education Regulation 77 on school dress code provides the right for school councils to determine school dress policy. Over the years, the Lockleys Primary School Governing Council has indicated strong support for the implementation, management and review of the Lockleys Primary School dress code. Students, staff and parents share the responsibility for the implementation and management of the dress code policy.

BELIEFS

We believe that a school dress code:

- addresses Lockleys Primary School's core values of Respect, Belonging, Caring and Commitment
- contributes to whole school unity and pride
- develops individual self-esteem through the feeling of belonging
- contributes to the development of a supportive school environment by reducing levels of competitive dressing
- relieves parents and students of pressures to purchase high cost brand name clothing
- develops a positive image of Lockleys Primary School in the wider community
- assists staff, students and parents in identifying Lockleys Primary School students during excursions and in the school grounds
- assists staff, students and parents in the identification of strangers in the school grounds, ensuring a greater level of safety
- maintains sufficient choice for individuals

CONSIDERATIONS

In setting the dress code the following has been considered:

- Practicality
- Safety
- Economy (many items can be purchased from Kmart, Big W, Target, Best & Less)
- Sun Smart Policy
- Style
- Cultural beliefs and traditions
- School colours of royal blue and red with the addition of navy blue.

EXPECTATIONS

All students who are enrolled at, and attending, Lockleys Primary School are expected to wear the school dress code/uniform as defined in the 'Dress Code' section. It is preferred that garments in the top and windcheater section of this policy have the school name and logo on them.

CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS HEADDRESS

As Lockleys Primary School is a very multicultural school, specific cultural and religious headdresses which are not part of the dress code may be worn. These may include but not limited to a Dastar (turban) and Hijab headscarf. However, as we are a Sun Smart School, hats must still be worn during 'hat days' as per Sun Smart Policy. Hats may be worn over cultural and religious headdresses (unless not practical).

DRESS CODE

The following items of clothing are considered part of our dress code. All items of the dress code should be neat and in good condition. Items marked with (#) are available at school and sold through the front office.

A. **Tops**

Lockleys Primary School polo shirt (#)
Lockleys Primary School rugby top (#)
Royal blue or red skivvy for under polo shirt only during cooler months

B. **Pants and Shorts**

Navy blue or royal blue track pants
Navy blue cargo pants (#)
Navy blue school shorts (#)

C. **Girl Specific**

Checked school blue / white dress
Navy blue skirt
Navy blue skorts (#)
Navy blue Leggings
Navy blue bike shorts for wearing under skirts (not to be longer than the skirt)

D. **Shoes**

Sensible footwear suitable for school activities or sandals. Sneakers for physical education and daily fitness are essential for personal safety.

E. **Hats and scarves (including beanies)**

To comply with the Sun Smart Policy school bucket hats (#), legionnaires or broad brimmed hats must be worn Term 1 and Term 4 and on any day where the UV rating is 3 or higher. All hats must be school issued. Beanies may be worn outside on cold days. Beanies and scarves must be navy blue, plain style with no writing and not cover the face. A beanie is not a sun safe hat, therefore on 'hat days' as per Sun Smart Policy hats must still be worn, and these may be worn over the beanie if desired. Hats and beanies are only to be worn during outdoor activities. Teachers have the right to remove any under chin cords on non-school issued hats.

F. **Jewellery**

To be worn at the wearer's own risk, and to be kept to a minimum. For safety reasons sleepers or studs with small backs for pierced ears are only allowed, watches to tell time (not toy watches), and one light chain around neck. No fashion jewellery and no make-up including nail polish.

Please note: due to some medical and body issue needs, some students may be allowed to wear very light makeup on their face to conceal skin problems. However in this case parents must write a letter addressed to the Principal seeking exemption.

G. **Windcheaters and Rugby Tops (#)**

Windcheaters and rugby tops may be worn but must be in school colours.

H. **Jackets (including vests) (#)**

Jackets may be worn but must be in school colours. Year 7 students have the option of purchasing a special Year 7 jacket with their names on the back. These will be organized in term 1 and no purchases can be made after the order has been placed.

As a simple rule, any clothes that do not appear in the dress code above are considered as not being part of the uniform.

NON COMPLIANCE TO THE DRESS CODE

All students are expected to comply with the school dress code policy. In the case of a student not complying with the dress code the following will apply:

- The office will have a limited supply of clean 'spare' garments for students to change into. These clothes need to be returned to school laundered. A 'not in dress code' note will be sent home and / or contact with parents will be made.
- Students not wearing a hat during 'hats on days' must play in the shaded areas.

Students will not be denied access to the curriculum or an education because they are not in dress code.

Parents may seek valid exemptions from the policy on the grounds of religion, cultural beliefs, financial hardship, genuine medical reasons and itinerancy. All exemptions must be valid and must be approved by the Principal in writing.

Families experiencing financial hardship or other difficulties may approach the Principal for assistance to comply with the policy.

New families will have a period of 2 weeks to comply with the dress code.

All clothing should be clearly labelled, thus reducing the amount of lost property.

Signed and Endorsed by:

Principal

Governing Council Chairperson

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