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1. **Rationale:**


- 1.1 Lyndhurst Primary School Council has developed a Student Dress Code for all pupils. Pupils are expected to wear the approved school uniform whilst at school, on school excursions and when engaged in out of hours school activities unless otherwise approved.

2. **Aims:**


- 2.1 School Council has implemented the Dress Code for the following reasons:
- to create a feeling of individual and collective pride in students and their identification with their school.
 - to remove the sense of competition in dress which may cause distress amongst students.
 - to improve the safety and security of Lyndhurst Primary School pupils by making them instantly recognisable in any group while on school excursions.

3. **Implementation:**


- 3.1 This policy has been developed with reference to the Schools Policy and Advisory Guide – Student Dress Code.
- 3.2 **General appearance:** While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Lyndhurst Primary 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.
- 3.3 The Student Dress Code will apply uniformly to all students (except for the exceptions listed below). In developing the Student Dress Code, the School Council has ensured that the code allows all students to participate actively and safely in school life.
- 3.4 In keeping with the school's Sunsmart Policy, the Student Dress Code reinforces the important consideration of "Sunsmart" procedures. As such, all students are required to wear a school-approved hat during sun danger periods (1st October – 30th April) whilst in the playground. Children who do not have an approved hat will be restricted to designated areas of shade during recess breaks. T-shirts are also not acceptable. Polo shirts are specified as school uniform.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 In designing its Student Dress Code, the School Council has ensured that the style of clothing is:
- reasonable by contemporary standards,
 - suitable to the role of being a student and to the tasks performed as a student,
 - considerate of health and safety issues and that it allows for some provision for individual expression through the offering of a range of alternatives.

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- 3.7 Where exception to the Student Dress Code is required, parents should make a written request to the Principal stating the reasons for the exemption. If it is a temporary or occasional matter (i.e. failure to have clothing washed/dried; waiting for damaged or outgrown items to be replaced) a letter should be sent to the student's teacher explaining the situation.
- 3.8 ALL tops MUST have the embroidered school logo. Low quality alternatives that do not display the school logo are not acceptable.
- 3.9 **Exemptions:** To protect the privacy of students, the School Council has delegated to the Principal, the power to grant exemptions. A written record of the decision on any application for exemption and the reasons for the decision will be kept.
Grounds for Exemption will be provided where:
- an aspect of the Code offends a religious belief held by the student/family,
 - an aspect of the Code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of his/her ethnic background,
 - an aspect of the Code prevents students with disabilities from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other pupils,
 - the pupil has a particular health condition that requires a variation of the Dress Code.
 - Where parents can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the Dress Code, arrangements can be made with the Principal.
- 3.10 **Footwear:**
- Safe, comfortable footwear must be worn at all times.
 - All footwear must be black with no visible logos, colors or decoration.
 - Footwear may be school shoes or sports shoes as long as they are black.
 - Footwear must completely enclose the foot, must fit firmly and comfortably and must be appropriate for a range of school activities.
 - Footwear must be in good and serviceable condition.
 - Children may wear sports shoes that are not black, only whilst they are participating in school sport activities.
 - Open toed footwear is not acceptable under playground conditions. Thongs, surf thongs and/or open-toed sandals may only be worn whilst in attendance at swimming programs.
- 3.11 Students should take care with their personal appearance and presentation. Hair styles should be neat and tidy. Hair styles of an extreme type or color are not acceptable. For health and safety reasons, long hair should be tied back. Wherever possible tie backs (scrunchies, ribbons, etc) should be of school colors.
- 3.12 **Jewellery** should not be worn at school. Where ears are pierced, only plain studs and sleepers should be worn at school. No other body piercings are acceptable and all piercings should be taped or covered during sporting activities.
- 3.13 **Make up and cosmetics** should not be worn at school. This includes lip stick, colored or sparkly gel, hair colors and nail polish.
- 3.14 **Free Dress:** The school may declare "free dress" days where students are allowed to wear clothing other than that stipulated in the Student Dress Code. On these days, dress should be of an appropriate nature for the school environment. Any child who, in the judgement of the Principal, is dressed inappropriately, will be sent home.

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- 3.15 **Camps:** Unless specified, students are generally allowed to wear clothing other than that stipulated in the Student Dress Code whilst on school camps. On camps, dress should be of an appropriate nature for the camp environment and for varying weather conditions. Clothing and equipment lists will be sent home to advise parents of requirements prior to the camp.
- 3.16 **Purchasing:** School Uniform can be purchased from PSW in Hampton Park and there are a range of purchase options. Order forms and price lists can be obtained from the office.
- 3.17 **Support for families experiencing difficulty:** Parents should contact the Principal or Business Manager to discuss support that may be available 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/>
- 3.18 **Second hand uniform:** Some second-hand uniform items are also available for purchase from the PFA Uniform Shop at very low cost. Dates for second-hand uniform sales can be found in the school newsletter. To support the PFA in the provision of second -hand uniform, families are encouraged to donate items no longer needed that are still in good condition.
- 3.19 **Support for families experiencing difficulty:** Please contact the Principal or Business Manager 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 (see below).
- 3.20 All prospective students and parents will be notified of the Student Dress Code requirements prior to enrolment.
- 3.21 Where the Lyndhurst Primary School School Dress Code is not followed and no written explanation is received:
- The principal will forward a notice to the parent/s reminding them of their responsibility to adhere to the dress code.
 - If this fails to solve the matter, the principal will arrange a meeting with the parents to discuss the matter.
 - If no satisfactory outcome is reached then measures such as withdrawal of privileges, time-outs or ultimately suspension will be considered.
- 3.22 Participation in any activity (excursion, sport visits, designated camps) conducted outside the school bounds will be refused to any student out of uniform except where a Grounds For Exemption request is approved by the Principal or where parents are notified that uniform is not required.
- 3.23 In dealing with breaches of this policy, every endeavour will be made to ensure the student is not made to feel discriminated against or singled out from the group or grade.

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3.24 **Concerns about this student dress code:** Lyndhurst 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, please contact the school for further advice.

4. Evaluation:

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

Resources:

Student Dress Code

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/student-dress-code/policy>


State Schools Relief

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School Sunsmart Policy

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Appendix A: Uniform items:

Tops	
Short Sleeve Polo	Teal green – Black/white stripe collar
Long Sleeve Polo	Teal green – black/white stripe collar
Polar fleece jacket	Black with zip
Windcheater	Teal green with embroidered logo
Polar fleece vest	Black with zip
Skivvy	Black (only to be worn under tunic)
Bottoms	
Tracksuit pants	Black straight leg
Bootleg pants	Plain Black
Cargo pants	Plain Black
Double knee pants	Plain Black
Skorts	Plain Black
Shorts	Plain Black
Dresses	
Summer Dress	Teal, black, white approved pattern
Winter Tunic	Teal, black, plaid approved pattern
Additional Information	
It is school policy for children to be in correct school uniform at all times. Failure to adhere to policy will result in students being given a formal warning, and further steps will be taken if this behaviour continues. If there is any reason a student cannot adhere to Uniform Policy a request for exemption must be put in writing and forwarded to the Principal for approval.	
Rain Jacket	Black, Other colours may only be worn to and from school
Sports Uniform	School sports tops and plain black pants as directed.
Bucket Hat / Beanie	Black with white printed logo / plain black only beanie
Scarf/Gloves	Plain Black (may be hand-knitted)
Scrunchies, Hair Ties, Headbands, Hair clips	School Winter or Summer fabric, Plain black, Brown, White (No multi-coloured, plastic or ornamental)
Tights	Black
Shoes/Boots	Plain Black no visible logos – black soles required
Runners	Black Only - Laces to be plain black. Other sport specific runners may only be worn to PE or Sport lessons and students must be able to tie laces if required.
Socks	Plain White, Black (no logo may be visible)
Earrings	Maximum of two <u>standard</u> sleepers (no greater than 10mm in diameter) or studs (small, flat, plain, may have birth-stones) silver or gold in colour in each lobe
Jewellery	Not permitted unless worn for religious reasons. Must gain written permission from the Principal
Nail Polish	May only be worn if clear in colour
False Nails/ Makeup	Not permitted
Temporary Tattoos	Must not be seen – to be covered or removed
Additional Information	
Watches—any functional watch worn for the purpose of telling the time will be permitted.	
Sunglasses—any sunglasses with appropriate UV protection may be worn outside.	
Art Smocks—students are required to wear during art lessons. Any colour or style is acceptable.	
School Bags—any are acceptable, however a Lyndhurst bag is available	
Book Bag – must be purchased upon enrolment and is required if students wish to borrow take-home or library books	