



# Uniform Policy

## PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Langwarrin Primary School 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 Langwarrin’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 Langwarrin 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 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 travelling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities, unless otherwise specified.

## UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Langwarrin Primary School’s compulsory school uniform items is listed below:

<b><u>SUMMER OPTIONS</u></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● LPS summer dress supplied by Beleza</li> <li>● Red windcheater* or red polar fleece jacket</li> <li>● White or black socks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Plain black shorts or plain black skorts</li> <li>● Red polo t-shirt*</li> <li>● Red windcheater* or red polar fleece jacket</li> <li>● White or black socks</li> </ul>
<b><u>WINTER OPTIONS</u></b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● LPS winter black tunic or skirt supplied by Beleza</li> <li>● Red polo t-shirt* or red skivvy</li> <li>● Red windcheater* or red polar fleece jacket</li> <li>● White or black socks or black tights</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Plain black pants or full length leggings</li> <li>● Red polo t-shirt*</li> <li>● Red windcheater* or red polar fleece jacket</li> <li>● White or black socks</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Shoes must be black, red or white only.</li> </ul>	

**\*\*Please note: Year 6 polo t-shirt and windcheater are both black**

## **General appearance**

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities (unless otherwise specified), Langwarrin School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- There should be no visible brand names or logos
- 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
- Bike shorts are only permitted under the school dress and/or tunic
- Shorts must be of an appropriate length (not above mid-thigh) and must not be covered by jumpers or polos.

## **Jewellery and cosmetics**

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches (in line with the school's Mobile Phones Policy), are the only acceptable jewellery. No other visible piercings should be worn, including nose piercings.

Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Students are not permitted to wear fake nails and only clear nail polish is permitted.

## **Hair and Sun safety**

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety.

Hair should not be dyed an unnatural colour.

School uniform hats must be worn outside during times specified in the school's SunSmart Policy. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice. School hats should not be defaced and must be in good repair.

Students may wear beanies outside during colder weather.

Hats/beanies 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 or ordered directly from [Beleza School Uniforms](#).

Langwarrin Primary School Parents and Friends Association also operates a second-hand uniform stall for parents when stock is available.

## **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Assistant Principal - Wellbeing 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**

Langwarrin Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and school newsletter. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items or not following the student dress code policy will be ineligible for a number of awards and positions, including (but not limited to) the following:

- Above and Beyond certificates
- Principal's Awards
- Student leadership positions
- Adderly-Allen Scholarship nomination
- Year 6 graduation awards and scholarships

Measures taken by Langwarrin 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 THE SCHOOL UNIFORM**

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 condition that requires an adjustment 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.

## **COMMUNICATION**

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website

- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

## **FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**

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

## **POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

<b>Policy last reviewed</b>	July 2023
<b>Approved by</b>	Principal
<b>Next scheduled review date</b>	July 2027
<b>Is it compulsory for all Victorian government schools to have a policy addressing this issue?</b>	No. School councils have the authority to develop and implement a student dress code, should they choose to do so but it is not mandatory.
<b>Does this policy have to be approved by School Council?</b>	Yes
<b>Is school community consultation required for this policy?</b>	School councils must consult with the school community when developing or reviewing a student dress code. Guidance on the consultation process and forms of consultation can be found in the <a href="#">Student Dress Code Guidelines</a> on the Department's Policy and Advisory Library.
<b>What is the basis of this policy?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Council Constituting Order</li> <li>● Education and Training Reform Regulations 2017</li> <li>● Victorian <i>Equal Opportunity Act 2010</i></li> <li>● Victorian <i>Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006</i></li> <li>● Federal anti-discrimination legislation</li> <li>● Duty of Care</li> <li>● The Department's <a href="#">Student Dress Code Policy</a></li> </ul>
<b>Mandatory review cycle</b>	3-4 years  The Department's <a href="#">Student Dress Code Guidelines</a> on developing and

	reviewing dress codes require school councils to decide annually whether or not amendments or a full review of the dress code is required.
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**Help for non-English speakers**

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school on 9789 7346.