

# UNIFORM 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 are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

## **Aims:**

- To ensure all students are clearly identifiable when representing Lynbrook Primary School, in and out of the school.
- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our 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:**

- The School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches and religious items are the only acceptable jewellery. Religious articles are only to be worn as part of jewellery. Any religious item that could be used as a weapon is strongly discouraged.
- Extreme hair colours (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: mohawks) are not permitted.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- Sunsmart hats must be worn outside from September to the end of April. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Any hair accessories worn must be navy, white or orange or the scrunchie supplied with the school dress.
- No denim (or denim-like) garments are to be worn.
- All of your child's uniform items (including shoes/clothes/bags) are to be clearly labelled for identification.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code must apply in writing to the School Council (Reasons for exemption might include religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship.).
- Students who attend school in breach of the Dress Code will be issued with a warning letter. Continued breaches will result in the student's exclusion from school until the Dress Code is adhered to.

## **School Uniform Specifications:**

### **UNISEX CLOTHING:**

Navy blue shorts, pants or trackpants.

Orange, with two navy blue stripes on the collar, polo shirt (short or long sleeve)

Navy blue windcheater.

Navy blue polar fleece jacket.

Navy blue polar fleece vest.

Navy blue long sleeve top worn under the school shirt or dress.

NB. Grade 6 students will have the option of wearing a specially designed Grade 6 polo and/or hoodie.

GIRLS as well as wearing the above can also wear:

- A navy blue skort
- A orange, blue and white check dress (this is only available through the uniform shop)
- A winter tunic/skort as available through the uniform shop.
- Navy blue leggings or tights may be worn under a school dress or skort.

There is strictly **no** denim (or denim-like garments) to be worn. All items are available from the uniform shop, either to purchase immediately or to order.

### **FOOTWEAR:**

SHOES – Shoes should be suitable for everyday play and physical activity. Black school shoes or runners.

**No** sandals, thongs, elevated heels or open toe shoes are to be worn.

SOCKS – Navy blue or white socks.

### **HATS:**

Lynbrook Primary School is a SunSmart school. All children in Prep to Grade 6 are required to wear a hat which covers their face, neck head and ears from September until the end of April. A baseball caps are **not** to be worn. Orange bucket hats must be purchased from the school uniform shop. A navy blue beanie can be worn in Term 2 and 3 if required.

Religious headwear should be in the school colours of orange, navy blue or white.

### **ART SMOCKS:**

Art smocks are to be worn when deemed necessary by teachers and one must be supplied at the beginning of Term 1. Any colour art smock is acceptable and navy blue ones are available to purchase from the uniform shop.

### **BAGS:**

Each child is to have a school bag and library bag, preferably navy blue in colour. School bags and library bags are available from the uniform shop. Where necessary each child is also required to have a reader bag.

### **Evaluation:**

- This policy was last ratified by School Council in 2016.