

# LALOR EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

### **Purpose**

The school uniform identifies a group of children within a school. Wearing a school uniform fosters pride in the school, assists supervision and safety on visits out of the school and unifies students from various social backgrounds into a cohesive school unit.

### **Guidelines**

#### **Parent Responsibilities**

The wearing of school uniform is compulsory for all students except where exemption is given by the Principal/School Council.

The following grounds for exemption apply:

- religious beliefs
- cultural background
- students with a health condition.

Please Note: An exemption will not be granted on philosophical grounds.

As with all other areas of financial difficulty, parents will be encouraged to make arrangements with the Principal regarding provision of uniform items for their children.

The uniform should be in good condition, durable, safe, comfortable and not hinder or restrict children's participation in physical education. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure children wear school uniform and that the uniform is in good condition

A note from parents will be required when children are out of uniform.

#### **For children without a note from parents the following steps apply:**

- restriction of play area to Covered Area 2
- if the student continues to be out of uniform a note will be sent home to parents.

### **Uniform Expectations**

The school uniform will consist of items from the designated uniform list.

Students must wear closed toed shoes like runners or school shoes. We encourage students to wear runners for Phys/Ed sessions. Football and soccer boots can only be worn at Interschool sports events.

Thongs and open toed footwear are not to be worn. Ballet flats are also not suitable for school wear as they do not adequately protect the children's feet.

Any headscarves/hijab or turbans are to be plain white or bottle green. Grade 6s only may wear black.

Colours for hair accessories are white and/or bottle green.

Jackets, coats and vests will be in school bottle green.

Extra clothing such as beanies, scarves or gloves is to be in school bottle green or **black for grade 6 only**.

A special Year 6 black Commemorative Windcheater or jacket will be offered to all Year 6 students each year.

Grade 6 students only may wear black shorts or pants to match their commemorative windcheater. The pants must be plain and not have logos.

Students participating in interschool sport and excursions, or representing the school at outside activities, will wear the appropriate school uniform.

The wide brimmed school hat, as supplied by the School Uniform Supplier is compulsory at recess, lunch, outside activities such as gardening and classroom based activities as well as sport sessions during from 1 September to 30 April in line with our Sun Smart Policy.

Damaged hats are not acceptable. This includes the binding being pulled from the brim of the hat as well as unacceptable writing. Parents will be asked to replace damaged hats.

### **Personal Appearance**

The application of extreme hair colours such as green, red, purple etc. is not acceptable except on special dress-up days or at School House Sports Day.

The wearing of small studs or sleepers and/or a wrist watch are the only acceptable jewellery items. Students will be asked to remove other items of jewellery.

Other body piercings, including nose studs are not allowed.

### **Implementation**

The responsibility for the implementation of the school uniform (dress) codes rests with the Principal. It is the Principal who deals with exemption requests in light of stated criteria. It is the Principal who reports to school council on applications and the decisions made with respect to each application.

The majority of school uniform items will be available for purchase from the official uniform supplier, Northern Regional Uniforms in South Morang.

### **Evaluation**

Students will be positively encouraged to wear school uniform by the Principal and staff.

This policy will be reviewed as part of the three year cycle.

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Next Review: August 2017