



THE LAKES SOUTH MORANG P – 9 SCHOOL

Uniform Policy & Dress Code

Rationale

- A dress code which incorporates school uniform reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the The Lakes South Morang P-9 School community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, expenses and choice are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the dress code.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with, and respect for their 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:

- After consultation within the school community, the students and Junior School Council, School Council will 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 student dress code, including details of uniform items, Uniform Shop hours and the uniform ordering process will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year. Uniform order forms will be on the Website and sent home once a term.
- School Council will require the Principal be responsible for implementation of the dress code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the dress code due to religious beliefs, family background, student disability or health condition must apply in writing to the Principal.
- School Council will operate a Uniform Shop on the school premises employing a paid manager with volunteers as assistants. The school will nominate a relief manager when the manager is absent. Donations of quality second hand uniforms will be sold at cheap prices from the Uniform Shop.
- If no reasonable quality second hand uniforms are available from the second hand uniform shop arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing genuine economic hardship. It is the Principal's decision whether or not to approve this request.
- Unclaimed lost property will be sold as 2nd hand at the end of each year. Parents should check lost property box in the office.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, when students are on school excursions and when students represent the school.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's Strategic cycle.

This policy is ratified by School Council -20/3/07

A public meeting held on November 1st 2006 endorsed Mill Park Lakes P-9 school uniform.

Dress Code

Compulsory

- School logos on short and long sleeved polos, polar fleece and bomber jackets.
- Choice of plain navy shorts, cargoes, bootleg or trackpants, navy, aqua and white check dress or skirts (Y5 +).
- The Lakes sunsmart hats in terms 1 and 4.
- Navy blue waterproof jacket for recess and lunchtime at school if required. No other colours to be worn during school hours.

Optional Uniform:

- Navy blue beanies or headscarves, terms 2 and 3 only. (no logos)
- Navy blue gloves and neck scarf for winter. (no logos)
- Navy blue, citrus or aqua scrunchies, hair ribbons, hair baubles.
- Plain white citrus or aqua skivvies. (commercial outlet)
- The Lakes schoolbag.
- Plain navy vests.
- Navy drawstring pants
- Sunglasses

Footwear:

- Runners or sturdy shoes/boots for general daywear.
- Slippers. (optional in winter for classroom only)
- No thongs, scuffs, high heels, beach sandals or flimsy sandals.

Sport/Phys.Ed. Uniform:

*Phys. Ed/Sport timetables will be included in the newsletter of each term so that parents and students can check when PE uniform is required to be worn. **Students in Middle Years will be required to change for PE.***

- School approved tops with logo.
- Trackpants, shorts or skirts
- Runners (not boots or shoes because of safety reasons)
- Special interschool sport uniforms provided for some sports
- No jewellery for team sports.
- Short nails for team sports.

Jewellery:

Loose or dangly pieces of jewellery are major safety issues when children play games at recess and participate in P.E. and sport. They are extremely dangerous when they catch.

- Stud or small hoop earrings acceptable,
- Flat band style rings only.
- Small necklace or chain can be worn under clothing so that it can't be caught on anything.
- Medical bracelets only.
- Firm fitting watch if children need to tell the time during the day.