



UNIFORM POLICY

RATIONALE

The following Uniform policy states the expectations Langwarrin Park Primary School Council holds with regards to student appearance. This code will apply during school hours, while travelling to and from school, on school excursions and when students are engaged in school activities out of school hours. Langwarrin Park Primary School has determined that the wearing of school uniform will be compulsory for the following reasons:

A school uniform —

- Develops a sense of school unity
- Fosters a sense of belonging to the school
- Establishes the identity of the school within the wider community
- Creates a positive image for the child and the school
- Provides practical, cost effective clothing for school activities
- Eliminates peer pressure caused by competition with dress
- Provides a range of choices for all seasons
- Ensures the safety of students by making them easily identifiable

PRINCIPLES

- The official school colours are Navy and Lemon (including socks, hats, hair ties etc). The school logo/emblem is to be a feature of the uniform. The logo/emblem is not compulsory but highly recommended.
- The uniform is designed to be worn by all students and incorporates designs suggestions in which they feel most comfortable.
- The uniform is designed with due regard to the health and safety of the students.

APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR

Appropriate footwear is another essential part of the School Uniform Policy. For safety reasons students are to wear appropriate footwear to suit their activity at school.

- Students are required to wear suitable closed toe protective footwear; Black, Navy, Grey and White are the only acceptable colours. Minimal trim is allowable.
- Coloured shoes of any form are not acceptable school uniform.
- For sport activities, runners are recommended.

- High heeled shoes, canvas shoes, wheelies, beach footwear and open toe shoes are not considered appropriate footwear for safety reasons. They do not offer proper support for the sole or top of the foot.

DRESS CODE AND GROOMING EXPECTATIONS

- All students are expected to wear the school uniform at all times.
- Grades 3-6 may wear the optional School Sports Top for designated P.E. Days, Grade Level Sports, Interschool Sports and Representative Sport occasions. It does not replace the requirement for the school supplied Team Tops for specific sporting codes.
- Any bike shorts or other garments worn underneath uniform should not be visible.
- Tights should be navy.
- A navy long sleeve top may be worn under the school pinafore in Winter. It is not to be worn as a standalone uniform item.
- Socks should be black, navy or white (no logos or stripes etc).
- Hats are to be worn in accordance with the school's SunSmart policy. It is compulsory for the school approved hat to be worn in the SunSmart season. (September to April, UV rating 3+)
- Hair colour must be of a natural colour.
- Extreme hairstyles (e.g. spikes/mohawks) are not permitted.
- Hair Accessories must be in the school colours of Navy, Lemon or White.
- Children wishing to wear a beanie and/or gloves for warmth in winter are required to have these items in school colours of Navy or Lemon.
- The Langwarrin Park Primary School bag available at the uniform shop is the recommended school bag choice.
- No make-up is to be worn at school.
- Other than clear nail polish, nail polish is not to be worn at school.
- Basketball shorts are not school uniform.
- Netball skirts are not school uniform.
- Cargo shorts are not school uniform.
- Leggings are not school uniform.
- Students will not be permitted to represent the school, leave the school on excursions, participate in inter-school sports or other special activities unless wearing the correct school uniform and following the Health and Safety Guidelines.
- School Council requires the Principal Class Officers to be responsible for the implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct (Refer to School Statement of Values and School Philosophy).

HEALTH AND SAFETY ASPECTS OF THE SCHOOL UNIFORM

The following rules will apply to students at Langwarrin Park Primary School in regard to body piercing and other health and safety aspects:

- Students may have pierced ears, studs or small sleepers only to be worn. No large sleepers or dangling earrings are acceptable.
- No other exposed parts of the body that are pierced are to have rings or studs attached.
- Other than a watch/fitness tracker, all other jewellery is not permitted.
- Long hair should be tied back with appropriately coloured clasps, ties or ribbons in the school colours of Navy, Lemon or White.

- Make up is not to be worn at school.
- The only hat that is acceptable is the Langwarrin Park Primary School Style SunSmart hat that is consistent with our SunSmart policy. They must be worn outside when the UV rating is above 3. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Baseball style caps are not appropriate hats as they do not provide adequate sun protection during SunSmart season.

ENFORCEMENT OF THE UNIFORM POLICY

The uniform policy requirements will be clearly communicated in various formats: the school website, newsletter, grade level newsletter and school assembly.

The following procedure will be implemented when this Uniform Policy is not followed and no written explanation is provided.

1. The school will be proactive to communicate uniform expectations in various forms. These might include school and grade level newsletters, our school website and reminders at whole school assemblies.
2. The classroom teacher to remind students and inform parents of their responsibility in ensuring that the guidelines in the uniform policies are followed accordingly.
3. If after a reminder is given by the class teacher and the correct uniform is still not being worn, a Principal Class Officer will send a standard letter to the parent reminding them of their responsibility in ensuring the adherence to the school's Uniform Policy.
4. If this fails to resolve the matter, the Principal will arrange a meeting with the parents to discuss the matter. If no satisfactory explanation is given the matter will be referred to the School Council.
5. In dealing with such cases every endeavour will be made to ensure the student is not made to feel uncomfortable. All representations will be taken up with the student's parents. All prospective students and parents will be notified of the Student Dress Code requirements prior to enrolment at the school.
6. Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the School Council.

LOST ITEMS

The school makes provision for the return of lost property and uniform items that are labelled with the student's name. It is the responsibility of parents to clearly label the property of their child. The school will not accept responsibility for lost and damaged items of students.

SCHOOL UNIFORM FREE DAYS

The Principal may announce a School Uniform Free/Casual Dress Day occasionally as part of a Social Service or whole school activity.

WHERE TO OBTAIN THE UNIFORM

- The school's contracted uniform supplier is Primary Schoolwear (PSW). Items may be handmade or purchased from various commercial outlets as long as the colour and style of garments match the school uniform.

- Second hand uniform is uniform that is donated that is in good condition (not from lost property). It is cleaned and available for sale to the community. Money from these sales goes towards assisting Langwarrin Park students at the school's discretion.
- State Schools Relief is also used where appropriate as a source of uniform for students in need.

REVIEW CYCLE

This Uniform Policy will be reviewed: Term 2, 2021

APPENDIX- School Uniform Parent Letter Explanation



Dear Parent,

One role of our school council is to develop a range of school policies. The purpose of our uniform policy is to ensure, that as a school, we have a sense of school unity and foster a sense of belonging. Today your child arrived at school not meeting a particular requirement of our school's uniform policy. The specific aspect of the uniform policy that was not met is identified below for your reference.

Can you please provide your explanation and return the below slip to your class teacher.

Thanking you kindly,

Denise Webster
Principal



Langwarrin Park Primary School Uniform Explanation

STUDENT NAME.....

GRADE.....

ASPECT OF UNIFORM POLICY NOT MET

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EXPLANATION FOR INCORRECT UNIFORM