



Lilydale West Primary School

UNIFORM POLICY

RATIONALE

A school uniform reinforces students' pride in their own appearance and in representing their school, and instils recognition as a school community. Issues of equality, health, safety, and expense contribute to the establishment of the uniform policy.

AIMS

1. To foster a sense of pride in and identification with the school.
2. To promote equality amongst all students.
3. To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for the school environment.
4. To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
5. To ensure ease of Lilydale West student identification whilst at school and outside of school (e.g. excursions, etc.).

IMPLEMENTATION

- Wearing of Lilydale West Primary School uniform is compulsory for all students.
- School Uniform is required to be worn during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- The school's *Uniform Policy*, *Uniform Requirements* and *Uniform Price List/Order Form* will be available from the Lilydale West office and on the School's website.
- School Council is responsible for ratifying any decisions regarding the uniform range of garments, sales and distribution.
- Recommendations regarding uniform changes may be made by the Junior School Council and/or staff to the School Uniform Committee.
- Uniform items are available for purchase from the school's Uniform shop.
- Parents may purchase items directly from the uniform shop in person or send order forms to school with payments (items will then be packaged and sent home with the child on the next day the shop is open).
- All prospective students and parents will be notified of the dress code requirements prior to enrolment at the school, including the Sun Smart Policy.
- Parents of pre-school children will be advised of sales procedures to allow purchasing of uniform prior to the commencement of the new Prep year.
- Students must wear upper uniform items with school logo printed on them for identification purposes at all times. These items include all polo shirts, bomber jackets, windcheaters. Temporary exemptions are at the Principal's discretion..
- In Year 6, students will have an option of purchasing a Year level outer item (e.g. jacket / hoodie / heavy polo) to identify them as school leaders and to keep as a memento. This item is to be worn only by the student during that year and is not part of the uniform at any other year level or any other year. (Typically ordered in Term 4 of previous year).
- In extreme cases the Principal may apply to State Schools Relief for uniform items.
- Stud earrings worn in ears and watches are the only acceptable jewellery
- Students are encouraged to wear sunglasses as per *Sun Smart* guidelines.
- Students with shoulder length hair or longer must tie their hair back for health and safety reasons.
- Extreme hair colours (eg pink, purple, green)are not permitted
- School hats must be worn in Terms 1 and 4. Beanies and scarves in school colours only, may be worn during the Winter months. These are not to be worn inside.
- 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 Principal.

Excursions:

- Students must wear full school uniform on excursions as a matter of safety for easy identification.
- Students may be excluded from participating in excursions on the grounds of safety if they are not wearing full school uniform.
- Casual clothes may be worn in exceptional cases where permission is granted by the Principal (e.g. camping programs, designated free-dress days)

Consequence

- Letters may be sent home to parents when children regularly present to school without required school uniform.
 - Children wearing incorrect uniform may be required to change into second-hand uniform for the day (especially on days where they need to be able to be identified as a Lilydale West student. (e.g. excursions).
 - Parents should seek a temporary uniform exemption by writing to the Principal (via the front office). Letter must state the specific reason why a child is out of uniform.
- Any changes to the school uniform will follow a consultative process involving the school community.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four year review cycle.

APPENDICIES

- Appendix 1 – Uniform Requirement List

REFERENCES

- DEECD - School Policy and Advisory Guide:
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/Pages/azindex.aspx>

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