

# Student Dress Code

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## Background

At Lakelands Primary School we understand that students thrive in a learning environment that is welcoming, inclusive, collaborative and caring. Our Student Dress Code is one way in which we promote a sense of community, identity and safety for all students. We aim to establish a climate that is supportive, non-discriminatory, equitable and safe and having a standard Dress Code helps us to achieve this goal.

Honouring our Student Dress Code strengthens pride in our School and promotes a positive image. Our uniform identifies our students ensuring their safety throughout the school day and whilst on excursions. It is intended to reduce peer pressure for students and families by alleviating issues of competition and purchasing of expensive brand name clothing.

**Policy** – Lakelands Primary School students are required to adhere to the dress requirements outlined in this Dress Code.

The School Uniform colours are purple, black and white. Appropriate items include:

- School shorts, black and purple with white piping or black shorts or skorts.
- Black track pants
- Lakelands Primary School polo shirt
- Lakelands Primary School jacket
- Lakelands Primary School dress
- Lakelands Primary School faction shirts (Faction Fridays and carnivals only)
- Lakelands Primary School hat. (Must be worn out doors at all times)
- Footwear – sport shoes appropriate for physical education and sport
- Hair must be tied back, neat and tidy, off the face, natural in tone and style
- Hair accessories must be black or purple in colour

Only the following jewellery items are permitted:

- Simple studs or sleeper earrings
- One unobtrusive finger ring
- Simple linked necklace with small pendent
- One wrist watch

## Items NOT permitted

The Student Dress Code does not include the following items. As such they should NOT be worn to school:

- Makeup and coloured nail polish are not permitted. (Students will be required to remove this).
- Fingernails must be kept short for safety reasons
- Hair must not be brightly coloured, have patterned shaving or mohawk etc.
- Denim (including jeans)
- Caps are not to be worn at school
- Snap pants, Leggings etc.
- Thongs except on medical grounds accompanied by a note from Parent/caregiver or during swimming lessons
- No temporary hair colours except for sports carnivals or excessive hair adornments
- Large earrings, spacer ear rings etc.
- For safety reasons, other visible body piercings are not permitted
- No excessive or valuable jewellery for safety and security reasons
- No brand names or inappropriate slogans or logos larger than 50mm in diameter on clothing

## **Guidelines**

### **Sports, Excursions, Incursions Clothing**

If attending a school excursion, all students are expected to wear the approved school uniform. Students arriving at school without the approved uniform will be expected to wear items of clean clothing provided by the school or remain at school and not participate in the excursion. Students representing our School at sporting carnivals and activities are to wear our School team uniform where necessary e.g. soccer/football guernsey, netball bibs etc.

Depending on the activities, students may be required to remove jewellery for safety reasons. The safe keeping of these items remains the responsibility of the student

### **Casual Days**

Casual days are held to support community fundraising activities. Students are expected to wear neat, casual clothing in accordance with our Sun smart policy and safety requirements allowing them to fully participate in the daily educational activities e.g. enclosed sports shoes. It is Education Department policy that no denim be worn in schools.

### **Outdoor Wear/Excursions**

Black parkas, jackets and appropriate rainwear are acceptable for outside wear at recess and lunchtime only (no brand names or logos larger than 50mm).

### **Purchasing Student Dress Code Items**

All Student Dress Code items can be purchased from local supplier, Hot Klobba, at Shop 3/104 Park Road, Mandurah. Parents may choose to purchase generic brand black jumpers or pants etc. from department stores.

### **Senior Year 6 Students**

Each year the senior students have an opportunity to purchase Year 6 shirts which may be personalised and unique to all graduating students in that year. The year 6 class teacher will negotiate with students and the Principals on the annual design, which will adhere to our Student Dress Code and colours.

### **Responsibility**

Parents: All parents will receive a copy of this policy and it will be included in the enrolment package. Parents are expected to purchase a hat and clothing for the child's use in school activities. Issues of financial hardship may be discussed with the Principal.

### **School Board**

The School Board endorses the Student Dress Code and any review or future changes must be ratified by the Board.

### **Family Support**

Families who are having difficulty obtaining the school uniform are encouraged to discuss this confidentially with the Principal or Deputy Principals. Families will be provided with assistance and support by the School where necessary.

### **Student Dress Code Compliance**

All staff will support the Student Dress Code. When a student arrives at school in clothing that does not comply with the Student Dress Code:

- Teachers will contact the parent/caregiver, by phone and/or by letter.
- The student will then be offered a spare school polo, which they will be expected to wear for the school day and will need to return prior to being dismissed in the afternoon. The school will be responsible for laundering used clothing.
- Teachers will record communications and actions taken on Integris (school's database), to ensure compliance with the policy.

If Student Dress Code breaches persist;

- Teachers issue letter of non-compliance, signed by Administration, (if there is no exemption in place).
- If breaches continue, teachers refer the case to the school administration team who will contact parents in an effort to resolve the issue.