



STUDENT UNIFORM AND DRESS CODE POLICY

As per the Department of Education's Dress Codes for Students' Policy and Procedures, 1 January 2018

RATIONALE

At West Leeming Primary School, our school vision of "empower and embrace a culture of opportunities for success" ensures that students remain at the forefront of all decisions. Our Student Uniform and Dress Code Policy is one way in which we promote a sense of community, identity and safety for all students. Through this policy we aim to establish a climate that is supportive, non-discriminatory, equitable and safe.

The West Leeming student uniform strengthens pride in our school and promotes a positive image in the community. Students in government schools are strongly encouraged to follow a dress code that is endorsed by the School Board. There are a number of reasons for having your child dressed in the endorsed uniform.

- Uniforms help build school spirit and pride.
- Uniforms contribute to a student's sense of belonging.
- Uniforms prevent competition among students.
- When on excursions, students are more visible.
- In the long run, uniforms may be more cost effective.

This policy provides school guidelines for the implementation of the Department of Education Dress Codes for Students' Policy and Procedures. Further, it provides enrolling parents with clear school expectations prior to enrolment. It sets out the requirements for clean and appropriate dress, providing school expectations of personal presentation for students whilst at school and when representing the school out-of-hours. It sets out the agreed measures for supporting students not following the dress code and grounds for modification or exemption for individuals.

Department of Education Policy and Procedure Guidelines:

- Acceptance of enrolment assumes that parent/guardian and student have agreed to conform to this code.
- Exemption/modification to the code for individuals will be considered for religious or health reasons, or at the Principal's discretion. Parents need to make an appointment with the Principal to gain agreement prior to carrying out modification/exemption.
- Students are expected to wear school uniform to school each day unless provided with an exemption.
- Students are expected to wear the school uniform while on excursions or representing the school. Failure to wear the uniform can result in the student not participating.
- Students should ensure that they take appropriate precautions for protection against the sun at all times. The school has a No Hat/No Play in the sun guidelines applicable all year round.

STUDENT UNIFORM Years 1-6 (note this uniform is optional for pre-primary)

Uniform Options

- Polo shirt with school logo,
- Zip front polar or microfibre jacket with school logo.
- Faction shirts are encouraged to be worn for school sport, physical education lesson and carnival days.
- Navy shorts, navy track pants, navy pleat skirt and/or navy skort.

**Navy or black leggings or stockings may be worn underneath the school uniform. Please note patterns are not encouraged*

Please refer to the Revised School Uniform Transition document found on our website regarding the timeline for transition.

Footwear

Shoes that are appropriate for various learning and physical activities are to be worn. Thongs, scuffs, slip-ons, ugg boots or heels should not be worn with the exception for specific activities such as swimming lessons.

Hats

All students should wear either the legionnaire style cap with the school logo or the bucket hat with the school logo.

Early Childhood Students

Our Kindergarten and Pre-primary students are encouraged to wear the Early Childhood coloured t-shirt. They also have the option of wearing the school uniform polo shirt.

Purchasing Uniforms

Uniforms are available to purchase through our P&C shop, which is located in the undercover area. Parents are able to purchase uniforms during set allocated time publicised at the beginning of each year. Alternatively, they can be purchased online using the Quickcliq app. Further information is available from the front office.

Graduating Year 6 Students

The Year 6 Leavers' short sleeve polo shirts can be worn in place of the short sleeve polo shirt for graduating students.

Interschool Sports Events

Interschool shirts may be available for some school performances and interschool events (provided by the school). The interschool shirt should be worn with the appropriate pants/short/skirt or skirt.

Free Dress

Free dress days are held to support community fundraising activities. Students are expected to wear neat, casual clothing in accordance with safety requirements allowing them to fully participate in the daily educational activities e.g. enclosed sports shoes. Clothes worn should be comfortable, appropriate and with no slogans.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Denim is not permitted at Department of Education schools.
- Long hair to be tied back at all times for reasons of safety and hygiene.
- Sleeper or stud earrings only.
- All jewellery should be removed for contact sport, with the exception of medic alert. Please note that no responsibility can be taken by the school for loss or damage to jewellery items.
- Makeup, nail polish or hair dye is not encouraged, unless for school fundraising or activities.
- Watches may be worn, please refer to the Mobile Phone and Device Policy regarding restrictions on smart watches.

NON COMPLIANCE MODIFICATION AND EXEMPTION

The following approach will be used to support students not adhering to the West Leeming Student Uniform and Dress Code:

- Discussion with their class teacher and/or the Leadership Team on a case by case basis;
- Parent contact to discuss and give assistance if required;
- Assistance and/or support in obtaining suitable clothing if required;
- Dress modification and exemption may be provided by the principal on a case by case basis;
- Students not following the dress code may be denied the opportunity to attend activities that are not essential to the educational program or events where the student is representing the school including sports competitions, excursions or school performances.
- Good standing may be affected for ongoing non-compliance. Please refer to the 'Care Strategy- Care and Behaviour Management Process'

CONCLUSION

This policy works in conjunction with other school policies. This includes the Good Standing Policy, Extreme weather Procedures and Mobile Phone and Device Policy.

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