

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 vision to 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* promotes a sense of community, identity and safety for all students. It supports a school climate that is respectful, inclusive, equitable and safe.

The West Leeming Primary School uniform fosters pride in our school and contributes to a positive identity within the community. Students in public schools are strongly encouraged to wear a school uniform that is endorsed by the School Board.

Wearing the uniform:

- builds school spirit and pride
- supports student belonging and connectedness
- reduces social pressure and competition among students
- increases student visibility and safety during excursions and events
- can provide a cost-effective clothing option for families

This policy outlines the expectations for student dress and personal presentation while at school and when representing the school. It provides clarity for families at enrolment and ensures a consistent, fair and supportive approach to implementation.

This policy aligns with the Department of Education *Dress Codes for Students in Public Schools Policy and Procedures*, including support for students and families, processes for requesting modification or exemption, and the management of non-compliance in accordance with the *School Education Regulations 2000*.

Department of Education Policy and Procedure Guidelines

- Acceptance of enrolment assumes that parents/caregivers and students have been informed of the school's dress code and are expected to support and comply with it.
- Exemption or modification to the code for individuals may be requested for cultural, religious, medical or other reasonable grounds, or at the Principal's discretion. Parents/caregivers should make an appointment with the Principal prior to any modification or exemption being applied.
- Students are expected to wear the school uniform to school each day unless an exemption has been granted.
- Students are expected to wear the school uniform while on excursions or when representing the school.
- Where non-compliance occurs, a student may be excluded from activities that are not essential to the educational program (e.g. interschool events or activities where the student is representing the school).
- Students are expected to take appropriate precautions to protect themselves from the sun at all times. West Leeming Primary School follows a *No Hat, Play in the Shade* approach, which applies all year round.

Uniform Logo Transition

The revised West Leeming Primary School uniform, including the updated school logo, became the endorsed school uniform in 2026 following the scheduled transition period (2022–2025). From 2026 onwards, students in Pre-primary to Year 6 are expected to wear uniform items that feature the current school logo. Uniform items with previous logos are no longer part of the endorsed dress code.

Student Uniform- Pre-primary – Year 6

Uniform Options:

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

**Plain, non-patterned navy or black leggings or stockings may be worn underneath the school uniform.*

Hats

All students are to wear either the school cap or bucket hat featuring the school logo.

Footwear

Students are required to wear footwear that is enclosed, secure and suitable for a range of learning and physical activities. Thongs, scuffs, slip-ons and Ugg boots are not appropriate school footwear. Limited exceptions may apply for specific events such as swimming lessons or designated dress-up days, as advised by the school.

Kindergarten Students

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

General Information

- Denim is not permitted at Department of Education schools.
- Hair that is below collar length is to be tied back at all times for safety and hygiene purposes.
- Earrings are limited to small sleepers or studs.
- Jewellery is to be removed for contact sport, except for medical alert items. The school accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to jewellery.
- Personal presentation — make-up, coloured nail polish, brightly coloured hair dye, decorative headbands and coloured hair extensions are not considered part of the school dress code and are not to be worn. Hair accessories in school colours are permitted. Exceptions may be made for special events or fundraising days as advised by the school.
- Watches may be worn. Please refer to the *Mobile Phone and Device Policy* for restrictions relating to smart watches.

Graduating Year 6 Students

The Year 6 Leavers' short sleeve polo shirts may 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 school and 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.

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*: A discussion with the class teacher and/or Leadership Team.

- Parent/caregiver contact, and assistance provided where needed, including support in obtaining uniform items.
- The Principal may approve a modification or exemption on cultural, religious, medical or other reasonable grounds.
- Students who are not complying with the dress code may be excluded from non-essential or representative activities (e.g. interschool events or performances).
- Good Standing may be affected where non-compliance is ongoing. Refer to the *Care Strategy – Positive Behaviour Support, Engagement and Wellbeing Policy*.

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.

CONCLUSION

This policy works in conjunction with other school policies. This includes the *Care Strategy-Positive Behaviour Support, Engagement and Wellbeing Policy, Extreme weather Procedures* and *Mobile Phone and Device Policy*.