



DRESS CODE POLICY

“School dress requirements are tangible evidence of the standards expected of students. A school’s dress requirements play an important role in promoting a positive image of the school and creating a sense of identity among students.”

Department of Education: Dress Requirements for Students.

At South Lake Primary School we believe that school dress code:

- encourages equity among students;
- increases the safety of students and ensures students are appropriately dressed for specific school activities;
- assists in building school and team spirit;
- fosters and enhances the public image of the school; and
- keeps the cost of clothing within reasonable limits for parents.

South Lake Primary School with the School Board has established a dress requirement for all students attending the school.

Dress Requirements:

- School shirt **OR** plain red T-shirt **OR** red polo shirt.
- Navy blue shorts.
- Navy blue pleated skirt or skort.
- Plain navy blue pants or track pants.
- School rugby sweater/zip jacket or plain navy blue top.
- Navy Broad brimmed Hats / Legionnaire Sunsmart Hats / Bucket Hats are compulsory all year round for outdoor activities. Beanies, hoods and baseball caps are not acceptable as hats.
- Appropriate closed-in footwear with a covered toe. No thongs, scuffs, crocs, or slip-ons are allowed.
- Jewellery / accessories to be kept to an absolute minimum. Ear studs/small sleepers and a watch are acceptable. Jewellery is to be removed for sport.
- For Health and Safety reasons, shoulder length hair must be tied back and hair must be kept away from the eyes. Accessories that restrict the wearing of the school uniform or safety of a student are not permitted e.g. Jo-jo Bows
- If a student is required to wear a head covering for cultural, religious or ethnic requirement, the headwear needs to be red or blue. If there are additional requirements contact Administration for clarification.
- When required an event specific dress code will be advised by a supervising teacher i.e. Choir Excursion.
- Make-up and nail polish are deemed inappropriate and children may be asked to remove it.
- On sports day students to wear their sports t-shirt and sports shoes.

In accordance with the Minister’s directions and in consultation with the School Board children will not wear denim from the beginning of the 2007 school year.

SANCTIONS

All students are expected to meet dress requirements unless an exemption has been granted. Parents will be notified when a student fails to wear school dress requirements or where a breach of the dress code is apparent. Students and their families who do not comply with the dress requirements are counselled and their concerns resolved where possible. Students who are not in uniform may not be permitted to attend excursions.

STUDENT LEADERS / CAPTAINS

As representatives of the student body, Student Leaders / Captains are expected to be positive role models for other students. This includes the wearing the school uniform and their badges, at all times.