



# 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 Codes for Students in Public Schools 2018.***

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;
- does not include clothing made from denim, (refer to 3.2.2 Exemptions from the Requirement to Exclude Denim);
- 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 **OR** Leavers 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 Broadbrimmed Hats / Legionaire 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, cros, or slip-ons are allowed.
- Jewellery 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. If there are Cultural Requirements – please see front office.
- Make-up and nail polish are deemed inappropriate and children may be asked to remove it.
- On sports day students to wear their faction t-shirt and sports shoes.

## 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. ***Compliance with School Education Regulations 2000 (reg 36).***

## STUDENT COUNCILLORS

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