



STUDENT DRESS CODE

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline St Leonards Primary School requirements for student dress and appearance and to provide information about uniform purchase and support, dress code implementation and exemption processes.

This dress code has been developed by St Leonards School Council in close consultation with our school community to ensure that it respects the rights of individual students whilst reflecting the values and interests of our community.

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- supports St Leonards Primary School commitment to ensuring that our students feel equal and are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- reduce student competition on the basis of clothing
- enhances the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community
- to provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment The School Council has developed a dress code that we believe provides a range of choices for students and is cost effective for families.

SCOPE

- Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code while traveling to and from school, during school hours and when attending school activities.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

St Leonards Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

- Navy windcheater and track pants, (no visible brand names, designs etc...)
- Navy leggings
- To comply with the Sun Smart Policy shirts with collars and longer style shorts/skorts and dresses are required along with Navy broad brimmed or legionnaire hat
- Navy or light blue polo shirt (long or short sleeved)
- Navy/white dress (gingham Check)

- Plain coloured socks
- Navy skorts
- During times of inclement weather, students are permitted to wear appropriate coats, beanies and scarves over their uniform. These do not have to be blue.
- Shoes should be suitable for playing and provide good support. Thongs, Crocs, slip-ons, open toed shoes or heeled boots are not allowed.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- Grade 6 students have a special signature windcheater that can be purchased each year.

HAIR AND SUN SAFETY

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of lice and for student safety.

School uniform hats must be worn outside in Term 1 and Term 4 and any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Parents may choose to purchase from any supplier (K-Mart or Big W are fine) or make their own uniforms.

Coastal Uniforms in Ocean Grove can provide uniforms or attach our logo to your items. Mobile: 0408 588 847

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY

Please contact the Principal to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for uniform support through State Schools' Relief. Further information about State Schools' Relief is also available on their website: <https://www.ssr.net.au/>

IMPLEMENTATION

St Leonards Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and Compass Parent/student portal. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal will be informed and a phone call home may be required. In this event, the school will continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Measures taken by St Leonards Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We recognise that there may be situations where the application of this dress code may affect students unequally.

Students and their parents or carers may apply either in writing or in person to the Principal for an exemption to this Student Dress Code if:

- an aspect of this code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural beliefs or background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or their parents/carers can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the dress code.

When the Principal receives a request for an exemption, they will:

- consider the grounds for the exemption request
- explain the process to the student and/or their parents/carers
- encourage the student and/or their parents/carers to support their application with evidence.

The Principal or delegate will then try to negotiate a resolution that is acceptable to all parties. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents or carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

St Leonards Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- St Leonards Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- St Leonards Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

REVIEW CYCLE

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council in August 2020 and is scheduled for review in August 2021.

APPENDIX A: ST LEONARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

All year round

The following items may be worn all year round, with either the summer or winter uniform:

Jumper or Vest

Navy polar/vest fleece

Polo shirts

Blue long and short sleeved

Socks or tights/stockings

Navy blue or white socks

Navy blue tights/stockings

Navy leggings

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Summer sandals with covered toes, plain coloured preferred, or pull on school boots or runners are permitted. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

Headwear

Blue or white head bands, hair ribbons, “scrunchies” or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

Summer Uniform – to be worn in Terms 1 and 4

Dresses

Summer blue and white checked dress

Shorts/skorts

Plain navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name and in accordance with the sun smart policy

Winter Uniform – to be worn in Term 2 and 3

Pants

Plain, navy blue track pants without decoration or brand name

Skivvies

Plain blue skivvy

Hats – to be worn in Term 1 & Term 4

Navy broadbrim or legionnaire hat without decoration or brand name.