



Uniform/Dress Code Policy



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the school Principal.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Uniform / Student Dress Code is to outline Leopold Primary School's 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 Leopold Primary School's 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
- support Leopold Primary School's 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
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community.

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.

POLICY

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

The full list of Leopold Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Leopold Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

Jewellery and cosmetics

- Leopold Primary Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, and watches (smart watches must be stored in a secure place as per Mobile Phone Policy during school hours) are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Wristbands supplied by, or sanctioned by the school, may be worn e.g. linked to a charity fundraiser, school motto or learning message embedded.
- Cosmetics may not be worn at school. Only clear nail polish is permitted.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back to help restrict the spread of nits and lice and for student safety. Extreme hair colours (e.g. green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (e.g. mohawks) are not permitted.

School uniform hats must be worn outside from mid-August to the end of April and on 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

Uniform items can be purchased directly from Beleza.

Uniform items are not required to have a logo attached. The uniform may be purchased at most large retail outlets.

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Principal or the administration office to discuss support that we may be able to provide to families experiencing difficulty meeting uniform costs, including information about eligibility for Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) prep winter uniform package.

IMPLEMENTATION

Leopold Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and newsletter. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Leopold Primary School students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

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 Leopold 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

Leopold Primary School welcomes feedback from the school community in relation to this Student Dress Code. If you have a concern or complaint about the Student Dress Code, further information about raising a concern or complaint is available in our school's *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on our website.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Leopold Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Leopold Primary School Complaint Policy
- Leopold Primary School Mobile Phone Policy
- Leopold 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 policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

Signed:


 School Council President – Ramona Browne

Signed:


 School Council Executive Officer (Principal) – Stuart Bott

Consultation: School community and School Council	13 th June 2023
This policy was last updated by School Council on:	20 th June 2023
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Appendix A

LEOPOLD PS DRESS CODE

Generic Language is used to describe uniform items. Retailers may use different terms. Uniform items are available from Beleza and other retailers.

LEOPOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM CONSISTS OF:

Windcheaters/ tops/jackets

Zip up hooded jacket - bottle green
Hooded windcheater – bottle green
Bomber jacket - bottle green
Grade 6 jacket

Shirts

Polo shirt - short or long sleeve - gold / bottle green
Grade 6 shirt

Shorts/ Pants

Track pants - bottle green
Track pants with padded knees - bottle green
Rugby shorts - bottle green
Skorts- bottle green or green and white check gingham -bottle green or black bike shorts may be worn under skorts
Gaberdine shorts- bottle green - bottle green or black bike shorts may be worn under shorts
Bootleg pants- bottle green

Kilt/ dress

Kilt – green, gold and black
Tunic – green, gold and black
Green and white check gingham dress – bottle green or black bike shorts may be worn under dress

Shoes

Full shoes- black or brown
Sneakers/ runners which complements the school uniform
A closed toe sandal is acceptable. Thongs are not permitted.

Socks

Matching black, white or grey socks
Tights – black or bottle green

Hats

Slouch - bottle green
Bucket- bottle green

Hair

Students with shoulder length or longer hair will have that hair tied back at all times. Hair ornaments (ribbons, headbands, scrunchie) to be bottle green, green and white check gingham, or gold.

Bag

A Leopold Primary School backpack is preferred but not compulsory.

Sport / PE – all grades

Green or black sport knickers or bike shorts can be worn under kilts and school dresses when students are participating in physical activity

- Leopold Football Club jumpers are not part of the Leopold School uniform
- Netball skirts are only to be worn for sport
- For sport/ PE students are requested to wear sneakers within the LINC

ART- all grades:

- All students are required to have an art smock or with an old shirt with long sleeves to protect their clothing during Art sessions. These art smocks can be kept at school and will be sent home at the end of each term for laundering.

Change of clothing:

- A small supply of spare clothing is kept at the school to lend to students when a change is necessary. These clothes are loaned and should be returned to school as soon as possible after laundering. Any donations of spare clothing are always welcomed, especially in the larger sizes.

Personal items – Named

- To assist students, families and teachers all clothing and personal items are to be named.

This Leopold PS Dress Code complements the Leopold PS Uniform policy and the two are to be read in unison.

Should you seek clarification on the Leopold PS Dress Code or the Uniform policy, please contact your child's teacher, administration office or the principal.