

# UNIFORM

## LEOPOLD PRIMARY SCHOOL POLICY

### **Rationale:**

- A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

### **Aims:**

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

### **Implementation:**

- After consultation with the school community and the Student Representative Council, School Council has developed a Dress Code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Extreme hair colours (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg mohawks) are not permitted.
- Other than clear nail polish, makeup may not be worn at school.
- All below shoulder length hair is to be tied up and kept out of the face – boys and girls
- Only wristbands supplied by, or sanctioned by the school, may be worn eg linked to a charity fundraiser, school motto or learning message embedded
- The only headwear that is acceptable is Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside from Sept 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30th. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Students not in school uniform will not be able to attend an excursion or represent the school, unless under extenuating circumstance the principal allows for an exemption.
- Parents/ guardians seeking exemption to the Uniform policy must apply in writing to the principal, where consideration will be given to:- mobile families requiring sufficient time to purchase items of dress, lack of availability of an item, a matter relating to the student's health, economic hardship requiring special arrangements, and / or adjustments required to meet reasonable religious or cultural grounds.
- On any given day circumstances may arise where a student comes to school not in a complete school uniform. Should this occur the student concerned will seek a uniform pass from the administration office. The uniform pass is then given to the relevant grade teacher. The parent / guardian will then strive to have their child in a complete school uniform as soon as possible.

- Students not in a complete school uniform for three consecutive days, the grade teacher will contact the student's family eg phone call/ note placed in the student's diary/ email etc to seek compliance with the Uniform policy.
- If compliance to the uniform policy is not met for five consecutive school days then the principal will follow this up directly with the family, seeking compliance. All efforts will be made to assist the family to comply with the uniform policy.
- The school uniform 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.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Engagement and Wellbeing policy.

**Evaluation:**

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....	<b>01/04/2014</b>
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School Council President – Alison Woodard

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School Council Executive Officer (Principal) – Jan Rollinson

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