

Student Dress Code Policy

PURPOSE

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

The Student Dress Code aims to:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourage students to develop pride in their appearance
- support the 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

SCOPE

Students are expected to comply with this Student Dress Code during school hours and when attending school activities, unless otherwise stated.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

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

General appearance

While at school, or participating in school activities, Lucas Primary School students must comply with the following:

- Students must wear the correct uniform
- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms should be clearly marked with the owner's name

Jewellery and cosmetics

For reasons primarily concerning safety, students are not permitted to wear jewellery to school with the exception of stud or sleeper earrings in their ears, and wristwatches. Makeup and nail polish is not to be worn at school.

Hair and Sun safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back for purposes of health, safety and hygiene (including control and prevention of head-lice). Extreme hair colours (e.g. green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg mohawks) are not permitted.

School uniform sun hats must be worn outside from 1st September to 30th 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.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from PSW, 1013 Howitt Street, Wendouree.

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

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

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 Lucas Primary School to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will 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

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

Lucas 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.

REVIEW CYCLE

Policy last reviewed:	May, 2023
Approved by:	School Council
Next scheduled review date	May, 2026

APPENDIX A: LUCAS PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS

Jumper or Jacket

Ink navy blue jumper with school logo

Ink navy blue jacket /contrast aqua piping with school logo

Polo shirts

Aqua with ink navy blue insert and school logo (short or long sleeved)

Dresses

School summer dress (Navy/white/aqua check)

Navy blue pleat tunic / pinafore

Pants

Plain, ink navy blue tracksuit or elastic waist pants without decoration or brand name

Leggings are not part of the school uniform

Shorts

Plain, ink navy blue shorts without decoration or brand name

Skorts

Plain, ink navy blue skorts without decoration or brand name

Socks or tights

Navy blue or white socks

Navy blue tights

Footwear

Appropriate footwear is to be worn. Black school shoes or plain black runners with no coloured logo or markings. No thongs or open-toed sandals are permitted.

Headwear

Navy blue or aqua head bands, hair ribbons, "scrunchies" or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs.

Hats – to be worn from 1st September to 30th April

Mesh bucket hat with school logo

School Bag

Navy blue bag with school logo (preferred)