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1. **Rationale:**

- 1.1 Lyndhurst Primary School Council has developed a Student Dress Code for all pupils. Pupils are expected to wear the approved school uniform whilst at school, on school excursions and when engaged in out of hours school activities unless otherwise approved.

2. **Aims:**


- 2.1 School Council has implemented the Dress Code for the following reasons:
- to create a feeling of individual and collective pride in students and their identification with their school.
 - to remove the sense of competition in dress which may cause distress amongst students.
 - to improve the safety and security of Lyndhurst Primary School pupils by making them instantly recognisable in any group while on school excursions.

3. **Implementation:**

- 3.1 This policy has been developed with reference to the Schools Policy and Advisory Guide – Student Dress Code.
- 3.2 The Student Dress Code will apply uniformly to all students (except for the exceptions listed below). In developing the Student Dress Code, the School Council has ensured that the code allows all students to participate actively and safely in school life.
- 3.3 In keeping with the school's Sunsmart Policy, the Student Dress Code reinforces the important consideration of "Sunsmart" procedures. As such, all students are required to wear a school-approved hat during sun danger periods (1st October – 30th April) whilst in the playground. Children who do not have an approved hat will be restricted to designated areas of shade during recess breaks. T-shirts are also not acceptable. Polo shirts are specified as school uniform.
- 3.4 In designing its Student Dress Code, the School Council has ensured that the style of clothing is:
- reasonable by contemporary standards,
 - suitable to the role of being a student and to the tasks performed as a student,
 - considerate of health and safety issues and that it allows for some provision for individual expression through the offering of a range of alternatives.
- 3.5 Where exception to the Student Dress Code is required, parents should make a written request to the Principal stating the reasons for the exemption. If it is a temporary or occasional matter (i.e. failure to have clothing washed/dried; waiting for damaged or outgrown items to be replaced) a letter should be sent to the student's teacher explaining the situation.
- 3.6 ALL tops MUST have the embroidered school logo. Low quality alternatives that do not display the school logo are not acceptable.
- 3.7 To protect the privacy of students, the School Council has delegated to the Principal, the power to grant exemptions. A written record of the decision on any application for exemption and the reasons for the decision will be kept.

Grounds for Exemption will be provided where:


- an aspect of the Code offends a religious belief held by the student/family,

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- an aspect of the Code prevents the student from complying with a requirement of his/her ethnic background,
 - an aspect of the Code prevents students with disabilities from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other pupils,
 - the pupil has a particular health condition that requires a variation of the Dress Code.
- 3.8 Where parents can demonstrate particular economic hardship that prevents them from complying with the Dress Code, arrangements can be made with the Principal.
- 3.9 The uniform includes:

Garment and type	Color	Style	Gender
Shirt			
Polo shirt	Teal green – black/white stripe collar	Short sleeve, embroidered logo	Both
Polo shirt	Teal green – black/white stripe collar	Long sleeve, embroidered logo	Both
Windcheater			
Open hem	Teal green	Embroidered logo	Both
Vest			
Polar fleece	Black	Sleeveless Embroidered logo	Both
Jacket			
Polar fleece	Black	Long sleeve Embroidered logo	Both
Pants			
Track suit	Black	Straight leg	Both
Bootleg pants	Black	Boot cut leg	Girls
Cargo	Black	Long leg	Boys
Double knee	Black	Track suit	Both
Shorts			
Cargo	Black	Long leg	Boys
Rugby	Black	Long leg	Both
Skort	Black		Girls
Dress			
Summer	Teal,black, white approved pattern		Girls
Tunic			
Winter	Teal, black plaid approved pattern		Girls
Other items available			
Bucket hat	Black with white printed logo		Both
Beanie	Black with white printed logo		Both
Anklet socks	White or black		Both
Tights	Black		Girls

- Specific colors are not specified for rain coats, etc but children are encouraged to wear black or teal green jackets.
 - White or black socks should be worn with the uniform, especially with shorts, tunics and dresses.
 - It is not compulsory but children are encouraged to wear all items in uniform colors, (i.e. Teal green, black and white). This includes items such as headbands, scrunchies, scarves.
- In addition:
- School uniform should be worn at all times on school activities unless otherwise notified.
 - Designer logos are not acceptable on any uniform item.
 - Open toed footwear is not acceptable under playground conditions. Thongs, surf thongs and/or open-toed sandals may only be worn whilst in attendance at swimming programs.

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- Other clothing or accessories which have the potential to cause injury to the wearer or others are not acceptable.
- 3.10 Students should take care with their personal appearance and presentation. Hair styles should be neat and tidy. Hair styles of an extreme type or color are not acceptable. For health and safety reasons, long hair should be tied back. Wherever possible tie backs (scrunchies, ribbons, etc) should be of school colors.
 - 3.11 Jewellery should not be worn at school. Where ears are pierced, only plain studs and sleepers should be worn at school. No other body piercings are acceptable and all piercings should be taped or covered during sporting activities.
 - 3.12 Make up should not be worn at school. This includes lip stick, colored or sparkly gel, hair colors and nail polish.
 - 3.13 The school may declare "free dress" days where students are allowed to wear clothing other than that stipulated in the Student Dress Code. On these days, dress should be of an appropriate nature for the school environment. Any child who, in the judgement of the Principal, is dressed inappropriately, will be sent home.
 - 3.14 Unless specified, students are generally allowed to wear clothing other than that stipulated in the Student Dress Code whilst on school camps. On camps, dress should be of an appropriate nature for the camp environment and for varying weather conditions. Clothing and equipment lists will be sent home to advise parents of requirements prior to the camp.
 - 3.15 All prospective students and parents will be notified of the Student Dress Code requirements prior to enrolment.
 - 3.16 Where the Lyndhurst Primary School School Dress Code is not followed and no written explanation is received:
 - The principal will forward a notice to the parent/s reminding them of their responsibility to adhere to the dress code.
 - If this fails to solve the matter, the principal will arrange a meeting with the parents to discuss the matter.
 - If no satisfactory outcome is reached then measures such as withdrawal of privileges, detention or ultimately suspension will be considered.
 - 3.17 Participation in any activity (excursion, sport visits, designated camps) conducted outside the school bounds will be refused to any student out of uniform except where a Grounds For Exemption request is approved by the Principal or where parents are notified that uniform is not required.
 - 3.18 In dealing with breaches of this policy, every endeavour will be made to ensure the student is not made to feel discriminated against or singled out from the group or grade.

4. Evaluation:

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

References:
 Schools Policy and Advisory Guide – Student Dress Code
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/management/Pages/dresscode.aspx>