



THE LAKES SOUTH MORANG COLLEGE UNIFORM POLICY & DRESS CODE

Rationale

- A dress code which incorporates school uniform reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of The Lakes South Morang College community and enhances the positive image of the school in the community. Issues of equality, health and safety, expenses and choice are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the dress code.

Implementation:

- After consultation within the school community, the students, SRC Representatives, Staff and Parents, School Council will develop 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 student dress code, including details of uniform items, Uniform Shop hours and the uniform ordering process will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year. Uniform order forms will be on the Website and sent home once a term.
- School Council will require the Parent Community to be responsible for implementation of the dress code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Parents will be contacted in the event of their child being out of uniform and will be asked to bring a correct uniform to the school. If this can't be accommodated, alternative uniform will be provided for students to wear on the day
- Students who are not in school uniform will not be allowed to represent the school in any external activities.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the dress code due to religious beliefs, family background, student disability or health condition must apply in writing to the Principal.
- School Uniform will be available from A-plus uniforms retail outlet located at *21/8 Oleander Drive South Morang*. Hours of operation are Monday to Thursday 9.00-5.00, Friday 9.00-3.00 and Saturday 9.00-12.00.
- Donations of quality second hand uniforms will be available through Student Wellbeing staff at each campus.
- **If** no reasonable quality second hand uniforms are available in our stock, arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via State Schools Relief for families experiencing genuine economic hardship. It is the Principal's decision whether or not to approve this request.
- Unclaimed lost property will be sold as 2nd hand at the end of each year. Parents should check lost property box in the office.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, when students are on school excursions and when students represent the school.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's Strategic cycle.

This policy was ratified by School Council on 27/11/2018.

- A public meeting held on November 1st 2006 endorsed Mill Park Lakes P-9 school uniform.

The Lakes South Morang College Child Safety Statement:

To thrive, children need a safe and supportive environment at school, at home and in the broader community; no exceptions. At The Lakes South Morang College, we believe meeting the physical and emotional needs of our students is paramount in laying the foundations for a fulfilling future. We pledge to provide an environment that has zero tolerance to child abuse and will strive to work in partnership with our parents and community members to keep our students safe every day, in every way.

Dress Code

Compulsory

- School logos on pants, shorts, polos, hoodies, bomber jackets and academy jackets.
Navy, aqua and white check dress or skirt of appropriate length for Y5 +.
- Black shoes, including black soles and laces. These may be in the form of runners or closed toe dress shoes
- The Lakes sunsmart hats in terms 1 and 4.

Optional Uniform:

- Navy blue/Aqua/Citrus beanies or headscarves, terms 2 and 3 only. (no logos)
- Navy blue/Aqua/Citrus gloves and neck scarf for winter. (no logos)
- Navy blue, aqua or citrus scrunchies, hair ribbons, hair baubles.
- Plain navy, aqua or citrus skivvies. (commercial outlet)
- The Lakes schoolbag.
- UV approved Sunglasses.

Sport/Phys.Ed. Uniform:

Phys. Ed/Sport timetables will be included in the newsletter of each term so that parents and students can check when PE uniform is required to be worn.

- School approved tops, shorts or track pants with logo.
- Runners (not boots or shoes because of safety reasons).
- Special interschool sport uniforms provided for some sports.
- No jewellery for team sports.
- Short nails for team sports.

Academy Uniforms:

- Jackets – Sport Academy, SANE and MAD are considered part of compulsory uniform.
- Training Garments - Leggings (MAD), Tops and Singlets must only be worn in session.
- Year 9 only – Year 9 Hoodies will be lettered.

Jewellery:

Loose or dangly pieces of jewellery are major safety issues when children play games at recess and participate in P.E. and sport. They are extremely dangerous when they catch.

- Stud or small hoop earrings acceptable,
- Flat band style rings only.
- Small necklace or chain can be worn under clothing so that it can't be caught on anything.
- Medical bracelets only.
- Firm fitting watch if children need to tell the time during the day.

Makeup:

Any makeup, including nail polish will be subtle in nature – eyeliner, bright lipstick and eye shadow are not acceptable

Nail polish cannot be worn if a student is attending Food Technology classes

Natural Hair colour is expected – natural colour hair dyes will also be accepted.