

Longford Primary School Student Dress Code Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Longford Primary School 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 Longford 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 Longford 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.

UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE

Longford Primary School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

Blue and white gingham school dress.

Dark navy basketball, walk shorts, skirt or skirt.

Dark navy tracksuit pants

Dark navy drill pants

Royal blue polar fleece jumper with collar and small school motif

Royal blue polo top, with white edged collar and small school motif (short or long sleeve)

Plain socks, free from logos or patterns (preferably navy, black or white).

Runners, elastic sided boots or school shoes of sturdy construction with closed toe.

Royal blue school hat with school motif

Winter coats of any colour may be worn outside.

- No thongs.
- Socks must be worn at all times.
- Leggings or bike shorts may only be worn under approved dress or skirt.

Jewellery and cosmetics

Students are not permitted to wear decorative jewellery to school. Stud earrings or sleepers worn in the ears, and watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.

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.

School uniform hats must be worn outside for term 1 and 4. 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 JSM Embroidery 71 MacArthur St, Sale.

Longford Primary School also has second-hand uniform available for a gold coin donation. Enquiries regarding this can be made via the school office.

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

Longford Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and school noticeboard. 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.

Measures taken by Longford 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

Longford 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 Concern or Complaint Policy*, available from the school office.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Longford Primary School Sunsmart Policy
- Longford Primary School Parent Concern or Complaint Policy
- Longford Primary School Student Engagement and Wellbeing Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

REVIEW CYCLE

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council on 19th March 2024 and is scheduled for review in March 2028.