



## SCHOOL DRESS CODE

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### Rationale

Students in W.A. attending public schools are required to be clean and appropriately dressed for school activities. In 2007, the Department of Education made it mandatory that students wear school uniforms. The Lesmurdie Primary School Board has approved a School Dress Code for all students attending the school. The School Dress Code reflects the Department of Education School Dress Code, which is to:

- Foster and enhance the public image of the school
- Assist in building school spirit
- Encourage the safety and health of students
- Encourage equity among students
- Prepare students for work, as many work places have dress and safety codes

### Guidelines

At this school, the above Department of Education guidelines are adhered to with the support of the Uniform Committee, P&C and School Board undertaking reviews when required.

The way in which the student wears the uniform is important, e.g. garments should not be draped around the waist or shoulders (permitted on oval areas). Hats should be worn in the correct manner, and not worn in classrooms.

Students who have financial difficulties regarding the purchase of a uniform should contact the Principal to discuss the situation in an environment of confidentiality.

### Where to Purchase

School uniforms are available through the Online Store or the P&C Uniform Shop (including second-hand stock) staffed by volunteer parents fortnightly on a Friday 8.30am - 9.00am. The P&C Uniform Shop is located in Room 4 just past the Administration Office. A current price list is available from the Administration Office and on the school website.

### The Uniform

- Royal blue and gold polo shirt with school crest
- Royal blue shorts, skorts, long pants
- Black tights or full-length leggings may be worn under skorts
- Royal blue windcheater or fleece jacket with school crest / Year 6 – Leavers' jacket
- Royal blue reversible bucket hat (faction colour on reverse)
- Black, royal/navy blue or white socks
- Well-fitted joggers, school shoes or secure sandals

Beanies may be worn to and from school during winter. Scarves and gloves may be worn to and from school and during recess and lunch playtimes.

### **The Sport Uniform**

- Students require a faction polo shirt for faction sporting activities which may also be worn on class PhysEd day. Faction colours are orange (Banksia), purple (Hovea) and green (Zamia).
- Royal blue shorts, skorts
- School hat
- Appropriate sports shoes

### **Footwear**

Students take part in daily fitness and therefore suitable footwear is required every day. Flat soled sandals/shoes or sports shoes are acceptable. Heeled shoes, ugg boots or thongs are not acceptable. Kindergarten students are not encouraged to wear sandals.

### **Hats**

Lesmurdie Primary School is a “SunSmart” school. Our school hats meet the Cancer Council and SunSmart guidelines and have been chosen for their ultraviolet protection. Other forms of hats are not recommended.

The Department of Education Policy and Guidelines clearly states that the School Dress Code must take into account the risk of ultraviolet radiation. Children without hats are required to remain in shaded areas during recess and lunch play time. The School policy is NO HAT, NO PLAY IN THE SUN.

### **Personal Appearance**

- Discreet jewellery (studs, sleepers) only may be worn
- Make-up is not permitted
- Short, clean nails are encouraged
- Hair longer than shoulder length is to be tied back, for health and safety reasons

### **Modifications**

Students who, for religious, cultural or health reasons, may need to modify the Dress Code, will need to discuss the matter with the School Principal. Staff will be informed of any student granted a modification.

### **Non-Compliance**

The Principal and staff focus on positive promotion of the dress requirements, not the consequence for non-compliance. However, the School Dress Code outlines the following procedures for non-compliance:

- Counselling, with students and/or parents, on Dress Code requirements.
- Students will not be permitted to participate in any optional activities where they will be representing the school, e.g. sport, excursions. Students will not be excluded from an excursion that is part of the essential educational program.