



## **POLICY:** *Dress Code - 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019*

*School Council Approval: Required*

*Review Cycle – 3 Years*

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Lockington Consolidated School's 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 Lockington Consolidated 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 Lockington Consolidated 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**

Lockington Consolidated School's compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

#### **Summer Uniform**

Red & White Check Dress

Black Skorts

Black/Grey Shorts

Red Windcheater/Bomber Jacket

Red T-Shirt/Polo Shirt

Sturdy Shoes/sneakers or sandals with enclosed toe.

#### **Winter Uniform**

Red & White Check Dress

Black Track Pants

Red T-Shirt/Polo Shirt/Skivvy

Red Windcheater/Bomber Jacket

Black Jacket (available from Hip Pocket)

Sturdy Shoes/Sneakers

#### **Hat**

Red broad brimmed hat with a brim of at least 6.5cm wide.

School bucket hat.

**Sun Smart-** As Lockington Consolidated School is a "Sun Smart School" all children are required to wear broad brimmed hats (with a brim of 6.5cm) from the 1<sup>st</sup> of September to the 30<sup>th</sup> April. On casual days all students are still required to wear clothing with sleeves while outside in the sun. Our Sun Smart and uniform policies are available from the school office upon request.

### **Uniforms can be purchased from Numanz Embroidery, Echuca**

Monday to Friday – 9am to 5.30pm. Saturday 9am to 12noon.

148 Hare Street, Echuca VIC 3564

### **General appearance**

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Lockington Consolidated School students must comply with the following:

- Uniforms must be clean and in good repair
- Uniforms must be clearly marked with the owner's name
- Additional layers of clothing may be worn underneath the uniform for added warmth, provided these undergarments are completely hidden.

### **Jewellery and cosmetics**

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

Cosmetics may not be worn at school.

### **Hair and Sun safety**

School uniform hats must be worn outside from 1st September to 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

Students are permitted to wear sunglasses during outdoor activities. Sunglasses should be close-fitting, wrap-around that meet the Australian Standards 1067 and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

### **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/>

Lockington Consolidated School also has second hand uniforms available to families to borrow on request.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

Lockington Consolidated School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website, Facebook page, Information Handbook and newsletter. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items will 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.

## **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**

Lockington Consolidated 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, please make an appointment to see the Principal.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES**

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

### **Annual Review:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle, or earlier if required.