



Uniform

POLICY

Rationale:

- A Uniform Policy reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Uniform Policy.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation:

- The Laurimar Primary School uniform is compulsory and must be worn at all times.
- Interschool sports shirts are compulsory for Grade 5 & 6 students, and may only be worn on Fridays or at designated sports events.
- The Uniform Policy applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- The Uniform Policy will be supplied to all prospective parents in the school information pack.
- The Uniform Policy, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each school year and on the school website.
- Primary School Wear (PSW) is currently the designated school uniform supplier. Their price lists are available from the school office and the PSW website. The supplier will be reviewed periodically, prior to contract renewal. Alternative suppliers may be used for selected garments required for special sports programs, etc. Parents will be made aware of the procedures and costs involved.
- A current PSW Laurimar Primary School uniform list is attached to this policy. The listed items may be supplemented with plain black pants or shorts which comply with the uniform guidelines.
- For significant changes to the uniform list, a transition period of two years will be provided.
- Plain black skivvies and plain black tights may only be worn as additional layers under the approved uniform. Leggings are not to be worn as an alternative to pants or tights.
- Shorts, skorts, skirts and dresses are to be worn at an appropriate length, just above the knee. Bike shorts, lycra shorts and running shorts are not permitted, unless part of an assigned sports uniform.
- Acceptable jewellery items are watches, stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears. No other jewellery is to be worn, except medical alert accessories.
- Extreme hair colors (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: mohawks) are not permitted.
- All hair accessories should conform to the school colours (teal, black or white).
- Hair which is shoulder length or longer must be tied back at all times in line with our Head Lice Management Policy.
- Nail polish and cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- It is preferred that black school shoes be worn. For safety reasons, all shoes must be fully enclosed. Runners are required for Physical Education and sport classes. These should be predominately black or white, with no bright fluoro colours visible. Shoelaces should match shoe colours.
- Socks must be plain white or black, with no prominent logos.
- It is preferred that students use the Laurimar school backpack. Prep to Year 3 students require the Early Years bookbag with the school logo.
- Laurimar Primary School sunsmart hats are compulsory as per our Sunsmart Policy. A plain black beanie may be worn in cold weather.
- The sunsmart hats must be worn outside from September until the end of April. However, it is recommended that hats be brought to school all year round. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- A special garment for Grade 6 students is available for purchase each year.

- Out-of-uniform days will be designated at times throughout the year, for fundraising events or special celebrations. Students are permitted to wear their house colours for designated sports events.
- School Council requires the Principal be responsible for implementation of the Uniform Policy in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct. Students in incorrect uniform must present to the Principal or Assistant Principal to obtain a uniform pass. Students presenting in incorrect uniform on three occasions in the one term will complete a lunchtime detention, and parents will be notified via a phone call on the day of the third offence.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Uniform Policy due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, or health conditions must apply in writing to the Principal / Assistant Principal.
- The school's welfare team provides assistance with uniform for families experiencing economic hardship. Parents can contact an Assistant Principal for support options.

Evaluation:

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

This policy was ratified by School Council in....

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