

NLPS STUDENT DRESS CODE

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Newport Lakes Primary 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 Newport Lakes 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 Newport Lakes 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

Newport Lakes Primary School's school uniform items are as follows:

- NLPS bomber jacket or rugby top
- NLPS gold polo top (long or short sleeve)
- Navy trousers / track pants / shorts / skirt
- NLPS bucket-style / legionnaire / wide-brimmed hat
- NLPS beanie
- NLPS rain jacket
- NLPS tunic (to be worn with gold polo or blue, navy or gold skivvy)
- NLPS summer dress
- Grade 6 students will have the option of purchasing a Grade 6 bomber jacket and sky blue polo top



Socks and Footwear

- *Socks:* white, navy or black
- *Stockings/tights/leggings:* navy
- *Shoes:* enclosed-toe school shoes or sneakers / runners
Students are encouraged to wear sneakers/ runners on days they have scheduled sport

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Newport Lakes Primary 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/ 'Fitbit' or similar, are the only acceptable jewellery.

Items which are not acceptable include:

- other forms of visible body jewellery (e.g. nose studs, eye rings, tongue studs etc)
- Bracelets, bangles, neck chains and necklaces
- rings

Cosmetics and nail polish may not be worn at school.

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 that shade the face, neck and ears must be worn outside during Terms 1 and 4 and on any other day prescribed by the school as we enforce a 'No hat, no play' policy. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside, with the exception of headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs.

Headwear

Where students choose to wear adornments in their hair, these should be simple in style and consistent with the school colours e.g. navy blue, yellow, black or white head bands, hair ribbons, "scrunchies" or headwear worn as part of cultural/religious beliefs. Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour.

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.



On days involving alternate dress other than school uniform (e.g. casual clothes day, big day out, beach program etc.), students are required to wear a suitable sun hat and clothing that covers neck, shoulders and upper arms.

Wet/cold weather

Students may wear a navy coat or jacket from home for warmth or protection from the cold. A Newport Lakes Primary School rain jacket is available from the uniform supplier.

School Bag

A Newport Lakes Primary School bag is available from the uniform supplier or families can supply their own, provided they are an appropriate size.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from Double C Jeanery either in store or online via <http://www.dcsuniforms.com.au/newport-lakes-primary-school/> or a link on the school website. Delivery is free to the school office on Friday during school hours. Deliveries to another address will incur an additional fee.

A small number of items will be available from the school office, including: hats, school bags and take home book bags.

Newport Lakes Primary School Parents' Club also operates a second-hand uniform sale for parents a few times during the school year. This is advertised to the school community via the school newsletter and Compass notification.

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

Newport Lakes Primary School will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and reminders, for example of the requirement to wear a suitable hat during Terms 1 and 4 via the school newsletter. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items will be reminded of uniform requirements.

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.



Measures taken by Newport Lakes 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. In this case, Newport Lakes Primary School will endeavour to provide the student with compliant, second hand uniform.

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

Newport Lakes 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 Complaint Policy*, available [here](#).

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Newport Lakes Primary School SunSmart Policy
- Newport Lakes Primary School Parent Complaint Policy
- Newport Lakes Primary School Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last approved by School Council in November 2019 and is scheduled for review in November 2021 or if DET guidelines change.

