

Student Dress Code



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Lakes Entrance Secondary College on 5155 2982.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Lakes Entrance Secondary College'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 Lakes Entrance Secondary College'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:

- promote a sense of identity and pride, cohesion and good order in the school
- allow all students to feel equal
- prevent bullying and competition on the basis of clothing
- ensure students' appearance reflects the expectations of their school community
- enhance the profile and identity of the school and its students within the wider community
- strengthen the spirit of community within the school
- enhance individual student safety and group security
- ensure all students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities
- prepare students for the expectations of workplaces
- encourage students to present themselves appropriately for a particular role.

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

At Lakes Entrance Secondary College, students can wear any uniform item regardless of gender.

Health and safety

Shoulder length or longer hair is to be tied back for student safety in technology subjects.

Jewellery, nails, hair accessories, hat cords and similar items that interfere with students' ability to engage with school activities safely and fully are not permitted.

Students who wear braids or locs may wear them loose, except for applied technology classes where hair should be tied back for safety purposes.

School uniform hats should be worn outside from mid-August to end of term 1 and on any other day prescribed by the school. School uniform hats may also be worn outside of this time period, by parent/carer or student choice.

Hats are not to be worn inside the classroom.

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.

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

Uniform items can be purchased from the General Office. Permitted non-branded uniform items can also be purchased from department stores.

The School Council has consulted with the school community and worked to ensure the student uniform is affordable. However, if you are facing difficulty meeting uniform costs the [Help with school costs and fees](#) page provides advice on support offered by the Victorian Government. If your child is starting prep or year 7 and is eligible to receive support via the [Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund](#), you may be eligible to access the Affordable School Uniform program through [State Schools' Relief](#).

Please contact the General Office to discuss support that we may be able to provide.

IMPLEMENTATION

Lakes Entrance Secondary College will ensure that this Student Dress Code and uniform item list is communicated to all families and students through our website and newsletter. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties complying with this policy where possible.

If a student is out of school uniform will be required to attend the General Office in the morning to change their uniform for the appropriate corresponding piece.

If non-compliance with the student dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the student will be required to leave the school grounds and only return after a meeting has been held with parents/carers in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy continue to work with the student and family to support compliance.

Uniform Expectations

Students are expected to wear the correct school uniform whilst at the College, travelling to and from the College and when attending College functions.

Student Expectations	Staff Expectations	Parent/Guardian Expectations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are expected to wear the correct school uniform. • Students are allowed to wear LESC branded hats or beanies outdoors. No other hats or beanies to be visible on campus. • Students are expected to bring the correct school uniform to participate in physical education classes. • Students who are out of uniform and refusing to change will be required to go home. • Students who refuse to change where parent / carer contact cannot be made the student will be required to work independently 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During session 1 teaching staff will record students out of uniform in Compass every time a student presents out of uniform and send the student to the General Office to rectify the uniform. • Staff monitor student uniform compliance during class time and in the school yard throughout the day and again enforce the expectations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In accordance with the guidelines set by the Department of Education students are expected to always wear the correct school uniform. • Daily notes from parents / carers will be required for students travelling to school out of school uniform.



EXEMPTIONS TO STUDENT DRESS CODE

We acknowledge that the enforcement of this Student Dress Code may impact students differently.

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 the code:
 - prevents students from being able to attend school or participate in school activities on the same terms as other students because of the [personal characteristics referred to in human rights and anti-discrimination requirements](#)
 - offends a religious belief held by the student or parents/carers
 - prevents students from complying with a requirement of their religious, ethnic or cultural background
- the student has a particular disability or health condition that requires a departure from the dress code
- the student or the parents/carers can demonstrate financial 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/carer
- guarantee that issues of a personal nature revealed to substantiate the request will be strictly confidential
- 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, including providing advice about support with meeting uniform costs. If an exemption is not allowed, then written reasons will be provided to the student and/or their parents/carers.

CONCERNS ABOUT THIS STUDENT DRESS CODE

Lakes Entrance Secondary College 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 *Complaint Policy*, available at <https://www.lakessc.vic.edu.au/>

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- available publicly on our school's website
- other online parent/carer/student communication method
- reminders in our school newsletter
- discussed in student forums

- included in staff handbook/manual
- discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- included in transition and enrolment packs
- discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- hard copy available from school administration upon request.

Views on our student dress code have been invited from the whole school community including:

- parent/carers
- teachers and other school staff
- students

The school community consultation invited feedback about uniform cost and affordability. This feedback has been recorded, carefully considered and incorporated into the student dress code policy where appropriate.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Lakes Entrance Secondary College Sun Protection Policy
- Lakes Entrance Secondary College Complaint Policy
- Lakes Entrance Secondary College Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Lakes Entrance Secondary College Inclusion and Diversity Policy
- Department of Education [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education [Student Engagement](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

For future reviews of this Student Dress Code, we will consult with our school community through the following mechanisms:

- letters, emails and social media messages to parents/carers
- surveys
- information in newsletters
- student meetings
- focus groups
- information on our website

The community will be given advance notice of the consultation process and timelines. The consultation will be open for at least 2 weeks.

Consultation materials will be translated into community languages.

Policy last reviewed	15/10/2025
Approved by	School Council on 14/11/2025
Next scheduled review date	14/11/2026

APPENDIX A: LAKES ENTRANCE SECONDARY COLLEGE UNIFORM ITEMS

- Students can wear any uniform item regardless of season.
- Approved commemorative uniform items such as the year 12 jumper or Koorie Academy of Excellence are accepted as part of the uniform.

Year 7-10 COMPLUSORY UNIFORM ITEMS

- Jumper – Navy windcheater / ½ zip polar fleece
- Shirt – Pale blue polo shirt with school logo
- Jacket – Approved navy blue jacket with school logo
- Pants – Black pants, track pants or flared leggings
(No activewear i.e. Skin-tight leggings or visible branding, a small logo is acceptable)
- Shorts – Black shorts (No bike shorts or visible branding, a small logo is acceptable)
- Skirt – Maroon and blue on grey background
- Dress – Dark and light maroon on light grey background
- Footwear – Fully enclosed (predominately black preferred)
- Scarf – Navy blue
- Hat – Navy blue with school logo (bucket, peaked cap or beanie)

Year 11-12 COMPLUSORY UNIFORM ITEMS

- Jumper – Navy windcheater / ½ zip polar fleece or Year 12 Jumper
- Shirt – Navy blue or white polo shirt with school logo
- Jacket – Approved navy blue jacket with school logo
- Pants – Black pants, track pants or flared leggings
(No activewear i.e. Skin-tight leggings or visible branding, a small logo is acceptable)
- Shorts – Black shorts (No visible branding, a small logo is acceptable)
- Dress – Blue and white
- Footwear – Fully enclosed (predominately black preferred)
- Scarf – Navy blue
- Hat – Navy blue with school logo (bucket, peaked cap or beanie)

PE Uniform (Years 7 – 12)

- Sporting house coloured polo shirt with school logo
- Black basketball shorts or tracksuit pants
- Appropriate sporting footwear



*These items are available from the General Office. Items without the school branding can also be purchased from other retailers.



LAKES ENTRANCE SECONDARY COLLEGE

WEARING THE CORRECT UNIFORM FOR A SUCCESSFUL DAY
(PLEASE REFER TO THE UNIFORM POLICY FOR FURTHER DETAILS)



School polo shirt plus a white, navy blue or black long sleeve collarless undershirt



School windcheater, fleece jumper or jacket, or down jacket



Black tracksuit pants, jeans or flared leggings



Black shorts



Fully enclosed black shoes are preferred



School logo hats and beanies



Short or long sleeve t-shirts without school shirt



Hooded tops or windcheater



Heavily branded jeans, tracksuit pants or tight leggings



Heavily branded shorts



Crocs, slides, thongs or ugg boots



All non school logo hats and beanies

Students attending the college without the correct uniform will be provided with a uniform.