

DRESS STANDARDS POLICY AND PROCEDURES

This policy and these procedures support the Education Directorate's Dress Standards and Uniforms in Canberra Public Schools policy

Policy Statement

All Canberra public schools develop, document and adhere to a school dress standards policy and procedures. This entails a school uniform. Lyons Early Childhood School expects students to abide by the dress standard while attending school or official school activities.

Rationale

The school uniform reflects a child's sense of belonging to our school. It also sets community standards and is consistent with occupational health and safety, anti-discrimination and equal opportunity legislation, and the Education Directorate's *Sun Protection* policy.

Definitions

Dress Standard

A dress standard is a detailed written statement of the expectations that the Lyons Early Childhood School board holds regarding student appearance.

School Uniform

A school uniform consists of a limited range of clothing, including footwear, which identifies students as belonging to Lyons Early Childhood School.

Procedures

All children (preschool to year 2) will be expected to wear school uniform and take pride in being a part of Lyons Early Childhood School.

Where uniform is not available for some reason, it is desirable that students adhere to the school colour code by wearing school colours. The school colour code for Lyons Early Childhood School is turquoise, yellow and orange.

The Lyons Early Childhood School uniform is available at LECS Front Office.

The uniform includes:

Short Sleeve Shirt

Long Sleeve Shirt

Year 2 Team Leader Shirt

Polar Fleece

Beanie

Turquoise Bucket Hat (compulsory for all children)

Responsibilities

Students attending Lyons Early Childhood School are expected to wear school uniform during school hours, while travelling to and from school and while engaged in school activities out of school.

Children are reminded of the school dress standard through class circle time as well as individually when required. Children will not be disadvantaged if unable to comply with dress standards due to circumstances beyond their control.

Parents are informed in writing of the school's *Dress Standards Policy and Procedures* which is found on the school website and in the Parent Handbook. Parents are informed about the school uniform and where

the uniform is available when they enrol their children at the school. All excursion notes contain a reminder of the need for full school uniform to be worn.

The school offers preloved items (as available). All parents and their children have equal access to these items of clothing as needed (through the LECS Front Office).

Teachers and other school staff model appropriate dress standards for students by dressing in a professional manner at all times.

Non-compliance with *Dress Standards Policy and Procedures*

All students at Lyons Early Childhood School are expected to comply with the school's *Dress Standards Policy and Procedures* unless an exemption has been granted.

Strategies used to manage non-compliance to the required dress standard by a student include:

- positive reinforcement and encouragement of responsible behaviour,
- the offer of appropriate items from the school's uniform stock,
- participation, by students in uniform, in specific activities where dress standards are key requirements,
- informing parents or carers to encourage compliance

Special Considerations

The Principal will consider the following when resolving matters of student dress standards:

- student's health and wellbeing
- unavailability of an item
- financial hardship
- conscientious objection for religious or cultural reasons

- an exemption to complying with the dress standard (granted by the Principal)

Any family requiring support with wearing the school uniform will be offered assistance by the Principal who will outline the possible ways of receiving assistance in a private and clear manner. This will be paramount to promoting a sense of belonging within an inclusive school culture.

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