



## **Purpose**

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The Lyndhurst Secondary College 'Student Uniform and Dress Code Policy and Procedures' aims to:

- Promote equality amongst all students
- Further develop a sense of pride and belonging, and identification with the College
- Provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical within the College environment and wider community
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the College in the community

## **Policy**

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At Lyndhurst Secondary College, we recognise the importance of the partnership between schools and parents to support student learning, engagement and wellbeing.

Lyndhurst Secondary College has a strong commitment to promoting a positive image of the college within our local community. We take pride in the way our students represent themselves, within the College and the wider school community.

A student dress code not only engenders pride in personal appearance, but instils recognition of students as an integral part of the Lyndhurst Secondary College community; it creates a sense of belonging. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense were also factors for consideration when establishing the student dress code for our college.

The College and parent/carers share a responsibility for ensuring an inclusive, safe and orderly environment for our children and young people. Having Lyndhurst Secondary College students respect and adhere to the uniform dress code is an integral part of establishing and maintaining such an orderly environment.

## **Implementation**

Ministerial Order under the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006*, authorises the School Council to develop and implement a dress code that covers any matter which a School Council considers appropriate in relation to; clothing and other items worn, carried or used; grooming; and physical appearance and the general presentation of students.

The student dress code will be communicated widely throughout the college community, provided to all prospective students and parent/carers prior to enrolment at the college and translated into community languages (if required).

Students are expected to be in full school uniform during school hours, whilst travelling to and from school and whilst involved in excursions or other activities where they are representing the College.

Casual Dress Days are approved by the Student Representative Council (SRC), on occasions, in order to raise money for charity. On such occasions, neat casual dress is permitted however, for safety reasons, footwear must be appropriate to the school setting. The Principal reserves the right to decide what is permissible.

Lyndhurst Secondary College's uniform is supplied by 'Beleza'. It is expected that uniform items are purchased from this supplier to ensure that articles of clothing are compliant with the School Council endorsed uniform. Non-uniform items purchased from other suppliers (even if in good faith), must be replaced with compliant uniform.

***Any parent/carer seeking an exemption for any length of time (please note this is not automatically granted) to the College uniform and dress code must submit it in writing to the Principal. Any exemption request is at the discretion of the Principal and will be in compliance with obligations under human rights and anti-discrimination legislation.***

***Non-uniform items will be confiscated (where possible) and held for a period of time. Other sanctions may include detention or withdrawal from class, as per the College 'Uniform Compliance Process'. In the case of multiple breaches of non-compliance a suspension may be issued.***

The College uniform will change commencing 2019. The new uniform will transition in over a 3 year period as follows;

2019 New uniform compulsory for Year 7

2020 New uniform compulsory for Years 7 & 8

2021 New uniform compulsory for Years 7, 8 & 9

Other year levels not specified above may continue to wear the old style uniform (white polo, spray jacket, grey pants/shorts for boys) until 2021 or transition to the new uniform at any stage.

## **College Uniform**

- College approved summer dress
- College approved winter skirt
- Navy College approved tailored shorts
- Navy College approved tailored pants
- Navy polo shirt with College logo (short sleeve or long sleeve)
- Navy V-neck woollen jumper with College logo
- Navy soft shell jacket with College logo
- Navy tights
- White or navy socks (plain – no logos/stripes etc.)
- Black leather, polishable school shoes (see details below)
- Hair ribbons in College colours of navy or white
- Head scarves (e.g. Hijabs) plain navy or white

- Navy scarf with College logo
- Navy beanie with College logo (winter)
- Navy cap with College logo

## **Sports Uniform**

The College sports uniform may be worn only on days when students are participating in Physical Education or the College sports program (including Carnivals, Interschool sports and Academy sports programs). On these days, they can be in their College sports uniform for the whole day.

- Navy sports polo with College logo
- Navy sports shorts with College logo
- Navy tracksuit pants with College logo
- Runners/sports shoes

### **Please note shoe requirements:**

**Students at Lyndhurst Secondary College are required to wear black leather, polishable school shoes. Boots, ankle boots, slip on, zipped, canvas, suede, ballet style are not acceptable.**

## **VET Students (on-site)**

Students enrolled in on-site VET programs are required to adhere to any OHS requirements specific to the VET program. This may require students to wear designated uniform items as specified in the program materials list.

Lyndhurst Secondary College students are required to adhere to all hair/makeup and jewellery restrictions as detailed in this policy (including the ban on wearing hoodies).

## **Hats**

Students may wear the College approved cap or beanie (winter). Hats may be worn outside during recess, lunch and PE or Sport Education only.

## **Year 12 Windcheaters**

- Year 12 College windcheater (Year 12 students only)

## **Jewellery**

The only acceptable jewellery is:

- Students may wear up to a maximum of two plain sleepers/studs per ear
- A religious chain (or symbol) or discreet necklace may be worn inside clothing
- One facial piercing permitted (discreet stud allowed; no sleepers)
- A watch and/or one bracelet may be worn
- A ring may be worn

Please note that all jewellery is to be worn respectfully and discreetly. It is at the discretion of the Principal (or his/her representative) that jewellery may be required to be removed for safety reasons.

## **General Appearance**

### **Please note:**

- Students are expected to be in correct school uniform each day of the school year
- Non-uniform items will be confiscated and held for a period of time
- Although parents/carers are asked to provide requests for exemptions in writing to the Principal, it may not be deemed to be an appropriate reason. In such cases, students will still be issued with an appropriate sanction
- Students refusing to adhere to the College Uniform and Dress Code will have sanctions imposed
- It is expected that students will wear the prescribed uniform appropriately and with pride
- Dress, shorts and skirt length must be appropriate for a school/professional environment
- School shorts and pants are not to be rolled up
- School pants should have length tailored appropriately, so as to maintain an even hem
- Socks should not be patterned or have visible branding
- White socks are not to be worn over navy tights
- Hoodies are not permitted at school
- Facial hair is permitted, provided it is well groomed
- If hair is worn long, it may, for reasons of safety, be required to be tied back
- Facial cosmetics may be worn discreetly and should not be noticeable (heavy mascara, bright eye shadows and lipstick are unacceptable)
- Only clear or plain French style nail polish can be worn
- Un-natural (or extreme) hair colours and hair styles are not permitted

## **Evaluation Process**

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