

## Student Dress Code Policy

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Leongatha 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 Leongatha 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:

- foster a sense of community and belonging and encourages students to develop pride in their appearance
- support Leongatha Secondary College'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

The full list of Leongatha Secondary College's compulsory school uniform items are available at Appendix A to this policy.

#### **General appearance**

While at school, travelling to or from school and when applicable, whilst students are undertaking school excursions. 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.



- The LSC Sport Uniform may be worn to and from school when students are attending whole day sport activities only. Sport uniform must be brought to school and changed into for physical education classes, unless those classes commence Period 1.

### **Jewellery**

All jewellery worn by students must comply with Occupational Health and Safety regulations.

### **Hats**

Hats are not to be worn inside. School beanies are only permitted outdoors.

### **Sun safety**

As we are a secondary school, we expect students to take responsibility for being sun smart by wearing a hat during outdoor activities or staying in the shade, if they are not wearing sunscreen. 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 Buxwear online via the school website.

### **Support for families experiencing difficulty**

Please contact the Principal or Business Manager 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**

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

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, an email will be provided to the student and parents by the Year Level Co-ordinator. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the Principal/Assistant 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.

## 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/Assistant 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.

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

Leongatha 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 *Parent Complaint Policy*, available on the College website.

## FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

## REVIEW CYCLE

This Student Dress Code was last approved by School Council on 19 August 2020 and is scheduled for review in August 2021.



## APPENDIX A: Leongatha Secondary College UNIFORM ITEMS

Pants - Navy poly/ viscose tailored flat front pants  
Shorts - Navy poly / viscose tailored flat front shorts  
Shirt – L/S - White buttoned shirt deluxe collar long sleeve

Dress - College patterned dress. Flat front, pleats at back  
Shorts - Navy poly / viscose tailored flat front shorts  
Pants - Navy poly/ viscose tailored flat front pants  
Skirt Winter – Navy tartan. Pleated front and back. Poly/Viscose  
Skirt Summer – Navy tartan. Plain A-Line skirt. Poly/Cotton  
Shirt – L/S - White buttoned shirt deluxe collar long sleeve

Jumper - Navy woollen jumper with striped V-neck  
Jumper - Navy Cotton jumper with striped V-neck  
Shirt – S/S - White buttoned shirt + collar short sleeve  
Jacket - Navy/Gold + logo Polar fleece lined/shower proof  
Rugby Top – Rugby Top. Navy/Gold + logo

### **Sport**

Sports polo - Navy/Green/Gold panelled Polo Shirt + logo  
Sports polo – Navy sport short + logo  
Trackpants – Track suit pants + logo

### **Accessories**

Scarf - Navy + logo. Acrylic  
Tie -Tie - Navy  
Beanie - Navy with Gold/Green stripe