

## LAWSON PUBLIC SCHOOL



### Uniform POLICY

#### **Policy**

This policy outlines the wearing of school uniform.

The department supports the wearing of school uniform, which promotes a sense of belonging for students and creates a positive identity for the school community. School uniforms also contribute to the personal safety of students by allowing easier recognition of students inside the school and in the community.

#### **Rationale**

All students are expected to be in full school uniform at all times, unless there are extenuating circumstances. These circumstances will need to be explained by the parent/carer, by way of a verbal or written letter. Those experiencing financial hardship are able to purchase from the second-hand clothing pool or may receive a uniform donation from the school. This will be at the discretion of the Principal.

The school will encourage the wearing of the uniform through positive reinforcement. The strategies may include acknowledgement of students, making reference to the uniform when promoting the school and involving the SRC in discussing and promoting the school uniform.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all students wear the Lawson Public School uniform during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when engaged in school activities out of school hours.

#### **Responsibility**

- All students have the opportunity to access the full range of school activities, including physical activities, while wearing a school uniform. The uniform can be mixed matched to suit all gender types.
- The school uniform includes items that are affordable, comfortable, made from easy-care fabrics, appropriate for activity and suitable for all body shapes.
- Schools has written agreements in place to set out the terms and conditions of a 'uniform shop' and 'supply arrangements'. LPS complies with procurement requirements to have an on-site uniform shop operated by any party other than a parents and citizens association.
- Decisions about school uniform requirements complies with work health and safety, and anti-discrimination legislation. The school uniform promotes the health and safety of students by identifying items necessary for particular activities to protect students from injury (for example, items for sun protection or safe footwear). Students are encouraged to wear sun-safe hats for outside activities.

## *Guidelines for....*

### **Staff**

- Staff have the opportunity to buy a school shirt but it not necessary that they wear the school uniform.
- Staff are required to wear a hat during playground duty, sport lessons or any other outside duty.
- Staff are to encourage students to wear the school uniform including to wear a hat when outdoors.
- Staff are to refer a student who is not wearing the school uniform to the executive team.

### **Students**

- In general, students are to follow the Lawson Public School Uniform policy and adhere to wearing the correct school uniform at all times. If a student is not wearing the correct uniform they need to provide a reason for this. It is at the discretion of the executive and or Principal to supply the student with a donated uniform. If this continues, the executive or Principal or delegate will call the parent/carer and discuss the purchase of a new/second-hand uniform.

### **Parents and Community Members**

- All families are to follow the Lawson Public School Uniform policy and adhere to ensuring their child is wearing the correct school uniform at all times.
- Sometimes students cannot wear the school uniform. Parents/carers should provide a verbal or written explanation and contact the teacher if the situation is ongoing. The Principal should be contacted if the nature of the situation involves hardship, health conditions, cultural / religious reasons or a principled objection.
- On days where the school uniform cannot be worn, students should try to wear plain items in the school colours.

### **Sanctions**

In line with our DoE School Uniform Policy, for students who fail to follow these guidelines, the following sanctions may be applied:

- Students will be provided with a donated uniform.
- Communication with parents/guardians regarding the wearing of full school uniform at school.

### **Exemptions**

- Exemptions of this policy can only be approved by the Principal and then only in exceptional circumstances.

### **Implementation of this Policy**

- Teachers will discuss this policy with students to ensure they have a clear understanding of the guidelines and procedures.
- The community will be made aware of this policy through the fortnightly newsletter, at P&C meetings and the policy will be posted on the school's website.
- The policy will be made clear to all students and their parents seeking enrolment at Lawson Public School.

### **Ratification and Review**

- This policy was developed and ratified by the Lawson PS school staff and community in Term 1 2022.
- It will be reviewed when deemed necessary by the school Principal and executive.

### **References**

- Department of Education School Uniform Policy <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2004-0025>

## **ALL YEAR UNIFORM**

Library bag - A large cloth bag for carrying library books is required.

Shoes – It is strongly encouraged that school shoes must be all black and be fully enclosed. Parents can purchase school shoes for the everyday uniform and joggers for sport uniform. Parents may prefer however the more economic option of just one quality pair of plain black joggers. Sandals, slip on shoes and shoes with thick heels are unsuitable. They may pose a safety risk and are not to be worn.

School bag - Students are required to provide a durable bag to contain the day's books, equipment and lunch. Back packs are designed to prevent postural damage and are recommended. School bags are available at the uniform shop.

Hats – Students are required to wear a school hat when outdoors. There are 4 kinds of hats to purchase from the uniform shop. (A cap, wide brimmed, 2 x bucket hat).

Beanies – During winter months students can wear a beanie to keep warm on the playground. Green beanie's can be purchased at the uniform shop.

Jackets – There are 3 types of jackets (hoodie style, bomber and fleece) and 1 type of jumper available.

Trousers/Pants – There are 2 types of pants available (tracksuit and fleece lined). Black tights are not permitted. Green thick stocking tights are available to be worn under the school skirt.

Shorts, skirts, skorts – Students can choose from a range of shorts, skirts and skorts to wear.

School dress – Students can wear the school tennis style dress which must be worn with green bike shorts underneath. These are sold as a package at the uniform shop.

Polo shirts – The school polo shirt with logo emblem needs to be worn. A green polo is acceptable also.

Socks – Students are required to wear white or grey socks. They must be at ankle length or mid shin length. Long colourful socks are not permitted.

Hair accessories – Students can wear hair ties, head bands and small clips. Big clips, bows and extravagant headbands are not permitted.

Jewellery - The wearing of jewellery is not encouraged. Medical alert bracelets, items of religious significance, small studs or sleepers and a wrist watch are permitted. No necklaces. Jewellery can pose a safety risk.

Makeup - Makeup is not appropriate for school and is not to be worn.

### **Additional clothing**

Students wishing to wear additional clothing in winter for warmth should wear clothes that are plain and in school colours. Items worn under shirts should be white and should not be seen below the shirt line. Items over the uniform should be in keeping with school colours. Scarves and gloves are optional but should be colours in keeping with school uniform policy.

Attached – is the 2022 uniform order form.