

Lyneham Primary School



Dress Standard and Colour Codes Policy

Purpose

This policy outlines how the School will:

- Implement the ACT Directorate of Education and Training's *Dress Standards and Colour Codes in Public Schools*, policy DSCCPS201003, published in 2010.

Definition

In this policy:

'uniform' refers to clothing that meets the dress standards requirements set by the Education and Training Directorate *and* is identifiable with Lyneham Primary School through the use of any or all of the following: the school lion logo, the school's name or any or all of the school colours - yellow and royal blue.

Rationale

All schools are required to have a *Dress Standard and Colour Code* policy. The policy states that, "Everyone has a role in setting the standards for the school. Teachers and other school staff model appropriate standards for students... [This] is...addressed in the Teachers' Code of Professional Practice" which says,

As a general guide, the appearance and dress of teachers should be in accordance with the standards appropriate to their duties and the people with whom they are dealing. A teacher's obligation is to dress appropriately in a way that upholds the good reputation of the ACT Public Service and the teaching profession. Wearing thongs, singlets, revealing clothes, or clothes with offensive slogans are examples of inappropriate dress in a school environment.

At Lyneham Primary School it is also expected that Staff will abide by the Sunsmart Policy.

The Dress Standard and Colour Code policy addresses student attire and says, "Schools will expect students to abide by a dress standard while attending school or official school activities. The dress standard may include colour code or school uniform."

Educational aims of a dress standard and colour code policy

At Lyneham Primary the educational aims of our Dress Standard and Colour Code Policy are to:

Protect children from weather by ensuring clothing adheres to the sun smart policy and provides appropriate warmth and rain protection in winter;

Minimises brand competition.

Is appropriate to the age and developmental stages of the children

Allows freedom of movement and does not impede the participation by all students in the full range of school activities.

Promotes Lyneham Primary School to the community.

Implementation

At Lyneham Primary it is expected that students will:

1. wear runners/sneakers and clothing suitable for participation in daily physical education activities;
2. avoid clothing or accessories that are:
 - a. inappropriate for school (e.g. open footwear, clothing that does not provide protection from the cold or sun);
 - b. not age/stage appropriate (e.g. makeup), or
 - c. are a hazard when engaging in any of the usual range of school activities (e.g. long scarves, long earrings or other jewellery that might become caught on equipment or cause injury to self or others during PE or play).
3. wear clothing that provides protection from the sun and adheres to the Sunsmart policy including a Sunsmart hat in accordance with the Sunsmart Policy;
4. wear clothing that keeps them warm in cold weather;
5. wear clothing that has an identifiable school logo; an alternative school endorsed clothing item (e.g. Lyneham Singers shirt) or colour code of yellow and/or royal blue.

The School will work with the school community to ensure that all students have access to appropriate school clothing and wear at least one identifiable school item to any official school activity outside the school grounds:

Regular Newslyne notes will be published to advise the school community of the policy;

Students without a school top to wear to an excursion will be supplied a top for temporary use from the school's supply;

Impact on school budget

The School maintains a limited range of second hand clothing for use as necessary and will support a new student with a uniform on occasion as necessary. There is a small impact on the school budget.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed within each School Improvement cycle; that is, every four years.

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