



Colonel Light Gardens Primary School Uniform Policy

Introduction

The Colonel Light Gardens Primary School Governing Council has adopted this school uniform policy, which all students are expected to follow. This requires the wearing of the Colonel Light Gardens Primary School colours at all times.

School colours are blue, navy and burgundy

The school uniform is:-

- Short or long sleeved polo shirt with logo, includes Year 7 top
- navy for shorts, skirts, pants and leggings
- either burgundy or navy for jackets and burgundy windcheaters with logo
- girls' summer dress
- girls' winter pinafore
- hats – Year 7 bucket style, legionnaires or slouch style.

Benefits of the school uniform:

- promotes pride in our school
- enhances our public image
- reduces peer pressure
- is cost effective
- items sold by CLGPS are in accordance with our sun protection policy
- on excursions, and in the school, safety is paramount. The wearing of school dress code ensures student safety by making them identifiable as members of our school
- encourages appropriate clothing for school activities relevant for primary aged students in a school setting
- promotes a sense of equity and inclusiveness.

We ask that you support the CLGPS school uniform policy for the benefit of all our children.

Dress Code Regulations

Education Department Regulation 77 on Dress Codes provides the following:

1. The right for school councils to determine school dress policy
2. Consultation entitlements and processes
3. Enforcement obligations and exemption conditions.

Exemptions

As per departmental guidelines, parents/carers may seek exemption from wearing the dress code on the following grounds:

- religious
- cultural or ethnic
- new student (to allow time to purchase)
- itinerant student
- financial hardship
- genuine medical or family sickness reasons

An exemption can be sought by writing to the school Principal outlining the reason/s.

Monitoring

School staff regularly monitor the dress code across the school. If there is a special reason school uniform is unable to be worn on any particular day, please communicate this to your child's teacher. Students not

wearing school dress code will be instructed by staff members to observe the dress code policy. Parents/carers will be contacted by school staff if the student persistently breaches the dress code. Further discussions may be required if non-compliance occurs. If school uniform is not worn on school photo day, or on an excursion day, the student will be given a clean shirt from the second hand supply for use on that day, if an alternative arrangement cannot be made.

Footwear

Sensible footwear is to be worn at all times e.g. closed-in shoes. Thongs, Crocs, ballet flats, high platform shoes and similar footwear are not permitted. Summer school sandals with a hard sole and a covered-in toe are acceptable.

Hats

Colonel Light Gardens Primary School has a **No Hat, Play in the Shade** policy for Terms 1 and 4. Students are required to wear a style of hat that gives protection to the face, neck and ears. Hats must be worn in Terms 1 and 4 during recess and lunchtimes and for all outdoor lessons.

Students without appropriate hats will be required to sit or play in a designated shaded area. For health reasons, hats cannot be 'on loan' if a student has forgotten or lost his/her hat. Additionally, special school events in terms 2 and 3 may require hats to be worn e.g. Sports Day. Families would be notified in advance on a case-by-case basis. Children are encouraged also to wear a hat to and from school, and to wear sun screen. Hats should be in school colours. Sunsafe hats are available from the uniform shop.

Inappropriate Clothing

The following list includes items deemed inappropriate/unsafe to wear to school. The list is not exhaustive, but is a good guide for families.

- clothing not in school colours
- clothing with brand name logos
- jeans
- torn/ripped clothing*
- clothing with offensive graphics and/or wording*
- tank tops* / belly tops*
- short, tight skirts*
- very short shorts*
- thongs, Crocs, ballet flats, platform shoes*

Students may be instructed to substitute inappropriate clothing with a loaned item of school clothing at the discretion of staff.

* On special days e.g. casual days, Sports Day etc, the above clothing marked with an asterisk is still deemed to be inappropriate. Clothing must always be Sun Safe.

Jewellery and Make-up

Watches, neck chains worn under clothing and earrings (studs and sleepers for pierced ears) are acceptable. For health and safety reasons, no other jewellery (including rings and bangles) is to be worn at school. Make-up (including nail polish) is not considered appropriate. Students wearing make-up will be instructed to remove it.

Hair

Except for special school events e.g. Sports Day, students should not have dyed hair, although natural colours will be permitted. Hair accessories such as ribbons, hair ties and clips are acceptable.

School Bags

School bags are available for purchase from the uniform shop.

Naming items

Please CLEARLY LABEL your child's clothing / hat with his / her name, in order to maximise the chance of having lost items returned.