



Larrakeyah Primary School  
Pathways to Excellence

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# School Uniform Policy 2019

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide a positive and supportive learning environment that encourages students to strive for high academic success. We aim to instil a desire for life- long learning and to promote leadership and responsible citizenship.

## BELIEFS UNDERPINNING THIS POLICY

- This policy focuses on providing clear guidelines about the types of clothing that students can wear to school. The Larrakeyah PS Uniform Policy is designed to reflect health, safety and decency standards valued by the boarder community and the workplace. Wearing of safety considerations, minimise clothing cost burdens for parents, promote a positive school image and eliminate the negative social pressure on students of keeping up with fashion and brand names.
- Promote equality amongst all students and a sense of belonging
- Further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with, our school
- Provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment
- Comply with the School's Sunsmart Policy
- Maintain and enhance the positive image of our school in the community.

### References

NT Department of Education and Training – Compulsory School Uniforms T-9 Policy

NT Department of Education and Training – Sun Protection Policy

### Scope

The Uniform Policy applies to all Larrakeyah Primary School students.

## ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Stakeholder	Roles and Responsibilities
School Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Determine and ratify the Larrakeyah PS Uniform Policy details in consultation with parents, students and teacher</li><li>▪ Review the Uniform Policy on a bi-annual basis.</li></ul>
Principal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Inform the school community in writing of the Larrakeyah PS Uniform Policy</li><li>▪ Inform parents regarding their right to request an exemption from the Larrakeyah PS Uniform Policy</li><li>▪ Enforce the Larrakeyah PS Uniform Policy on behalf of the Larrakeyah PS School Council</li></ul>
Leadership Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Work with the teachers to ensure that uniform requirements are adhered to in a consistent manner</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support Class teachers with students who persistently do not comply with Larrakeyah PS Uniform Policy</li> </ul>
Classroom Teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage students in T-6 to adhere to the Larrakeyah PS Uniform Policy</li> <li>Consistently follow the Uniform Policy non-compliance procedures for the students who do not comply with the policy</li> </ul>
Students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adhere to the Larrakeyah PS Uniform Policy</li> </ul>
Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support Larrakeyah PS by ensuring their children comply with the Uniform Policy</li> <li>Apply for an exemption in writing if circumstance require it</li> </ul>

## SCHOOL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

- Students are required to wear the Larrakeyah Primary School uniform to school each day (unless otherwise notified)
- Students are expected to appear neat, clean and tidy. Scruffy, dirty and torn uniforms are not acceptable.
- For activities/ excursions outside the school students are required to wear full school uniform. Year 6 may wear either their Year 6 shirt or the official school uniform shirt.
- In the playground the School follows the 'No Hat- No Play' procedure and students without hats are required to stay in the covered areas during recess and lunch times.
- To participate in Physical Education lessons students must wear appropriate footwear.

## PURCHASE OF SCHOOL UNIFORM

All compulsory uniform components are available from the School Front Office. Back to School Vouchers may be used for the purchase of school uniforms. A small stock of second hand uniform shirts and dresses available for purchase from the Front Office.

### Exemption

The Principal may exempt students from wearing a particular item of school uniform based on religious, cultural/ ethnic or medical grounds. Parents are requested to seek a written exemption early, rather than await their child being subjected to the non-compliance policy.

## NON- COMPLIANCE

Process to follow for students who do not comply with the Uniform Policy:

- First offence- Student will be asked by teacher to remove the offending item of clothing if a replacement is available or by the next school day. (Remind)
- Second offence- Students are warned that a note will be sent home advising of uniform requirements with an expectation that the issue will be rectified by parent/carer. (Warning)
- Third and Subsequent Offences- A note will be sent home advising of school uniform requirements with an expectation that the issue will be rectified by parent/carer. The note

will also indicate that wearing of school uniforms is compulsory by the direction of the NT government. (Consequence)

## EVALUATION AND REVIEW

The School Council will review the policy bi-annually. All aspects will be evaluated by aligning it with the expectations of teachers, parents, students and the School Council.

## OFFICIAL SCHOOL UNIFORM

Too much exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun causes sunburn, skin damage and increases the risk of skin cancer. Sun exposure in the first 15 years of life contributes significantly to the lifetime risk of developing skin cancer. Australia has the highest rate of skin cancer in the world.

Skin cancers account for 80% of all new cancers diagnosed in Australia each year.

Melanoma is the most diagnosed cancer for 15 – 44 year olds.

This policy is followed all year round in the Territory as the UV radiation levels are always high, very high or extreme during peak UV periods (10am – 3pm). The policy incorporates OSHC and Vacation Care programs if held on school grounds.

Staff will act as role models in line with the SunSmart program role modelling requirements and OHS standards. Staff are required to adopt all protective measures put in place by their employer as part of employee OHS responsibilities.

### Objectives

The goals of the SunSmart Policy are to;

- Increase student and community awareness about skin cancer and sun protection
- Encourage the entire school community to use a combination of sun protection measures all year round
- Work towards a safe school environment that provides shade for students, staff and the school community
- Assist students to be responsible for their own sun protection
- Ensure that families and new staff are informed of the school's SunSmart policy

### Sun Protection strategies:

- All students and staff use a combination of sun protection measures throughout the day to ensure they are well protected. Particular care is taken between 10 am and 3 pm when UV levels reach their peak.
- The SunSmart policy is considered when planning all outdoor events e.g. assemblies, camps, excursions and sporting events. Where possible, we aim to have outdoor activities or events earlier in the morning or later in the afternoon, and use indoor venues.

#### 1. Shade

- The school committee makes sure there is a sufficient number of shelters and trees providing shade in the school grounds particularly in areas where students congregate eg. Lunch area, canteen, outdoor lesson areas and popular play areas.
- In consultation with the school council, shade provision is considered in plans for future buildings and grounds.
- The availability of shade is considered when planning excursions and outdoor activities.
- Students are actively encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside. Students who do not have appropriate hats or outdoor clothing are asked to stay in an area protected from the sun.

## **2. Clothing**

- All styles of school uniform will include collars that protect the neck, and sleeves. Shorts, dresses and skirt lengths will extend as close to the knee as possible. School clothing is made of close weave fabric. Rash vests or t-shirts will also be worn when swimming outdoors.

(Please note: Cap sleeves are not considered sun protective and are therefore not acceptable).

## **3. Hats**

- Students are also required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears, i.e. bucket or broad-brimmed whenever they are outside.

(Please note: Baseball caps are not considered sun protective and are therefore not acceptable.)

- Students who do not have an appropriate sun protective hat will be asked to stay in shaded areas only.

## **4. Sunglasses (optional)**

- Students and staff are encouraged to wear close fitting, wrap around sunglasses that meet the Australian Standard 1067 (Sunglasses: Category 2, 3 or 4) and cover as much of the eye area as possible.

## **5. Sunscreen**

- SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen is available for staff and student's use. Time Sunscreen is applied at least 20 minutes before going outdoors and reapplied every two hours as required. Time will be allocated for sunscreen application prior to outdoor activities.

## **Role Modelling**

- Staff act as role models by:
  - wearing sun protective hats (broad brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hats), clothing and sunglasses outside (please note that baseball caps do not offer enough protection and are therefore not acceptable)
  - applying SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen
  - seeking shade whenever possible
- Families and visitors are encouraged to use a combination of sun protection measures (sun protective clothing and hats, sunglasses and sunscreen) when participating in and attending outdoor school activities.

## **Curriculum**

- Sun protection and skin cancer awareness programs are incorporated into appropriate areas of the school curriculum.
- Students are encouraged to be involved in initiatives to promote and model sun protection measures to the whole school community.
- SunSmart behaviour is regularly reinforced and promoted to the whole school community through newsletters, school homepage, parent meetings, staff meetings, school assemblies, student and teacher activities and on student enrolment.

## **Review**

- The school council and staff monitor and review the effectiveness of the sun protection policy every two years and revise the policy when required.