



Student Dress Code

Purpose

The purpose of the Student Dress Code is to outline Lyndale 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 Lyndale 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 Lyndale 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

To assist with providing a safe environment for students both within the school as well as on excursions, all students must wear the approved college uniform. The reason for this is that it makes it possible to readily identify our students as well as those who are not part of our community and to enable them to safely participate in college activities.

The correct wearing of uniform also adds to the student's sense of belonging to the college community and encourages the students to develop a sense of pride in the school.

When all students wear the college uniform it promotes the development of a sense of egalitarianism, so that all students can feel equal within the college. The provision of a college uniform also makes it cheaper for parents to provide appropriate and durable clothing for their children to wear to school.

The full list of Lyndale Secondary College compulsory school uniform items is available at Appendix A to this policy.

General appearance

While at school, travelling to or from school or participating in school activities, Lyndale Secondary College's 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.

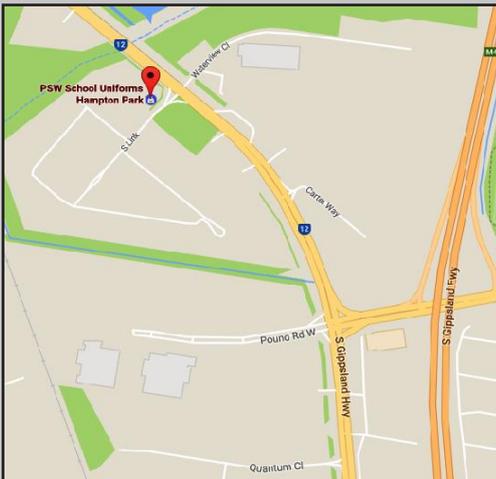
What is NOT acceptable dress at Lyndale Secondary College

- Wearing non – LSC jumpers, jackets or coats, caps in the classroom or corridors
- Jeans or leggings
- Boots, Basketball style shoes, thongs, platform or high-heeled shoes
- Hairstyles should not be extreme, must be of a naturally occurring colour. No facial hair is permitted. Students to be clean shaven
- Make up if worn, should be subtle to the point of being unnoticeable. Nail polish, must be clear only
- No visible jewellery may be worn with the exception of a watch and a pair of sleepers or studs in the ears only
- No other facial/body piercing is permitted
- Tattoos must not be visible at any time
- Mobile phones and ear phones are not to be visible in classrooms (according to teacher discretion)
- Hats are not to be worn inside

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

PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS

The approved supplier of Lyndale Secondary College Uniform is **PSW School Uniforms, Hampton Park**



PSW Pty Ltd
 HAMPTON PARK
 2/10 – 12 South
 Link DANDENONG
 SOUTH VIC 3175
 Phone: 8768 7490

www.psw.com.au



Trading Hours
 Monday to Friday – 9am
 until 5pm Saturday – 10am
 until 1pm

Support for families experiencing difficulty

Please contact the Director of Wellbeing 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

Lyndale Secondary College will ensure that this Student Dress Code is communicated to all families and students through our website and compass. We will assist students who may be experiencing difficulties in

complying with this policy where possible.

Students wearing non-compliant uniform items may be asked to change into a compliant item of clothing provided by the school.

If a student is out of school uniform or otherwise breaches the Student Dress Code on a recurring basis, a note will be provided to the student and parents by the classroom teacher. If non-compliance with the dress code becomes a continued occurrence, the 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.

Measures taken by Lyndale Secondary College to address concerns about student non-compliance with the Student Dress Code will also be addressed in accordance with our Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy.

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 to the Sub School Director 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 Sub School Director 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 Sub school director 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

Lyndale 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 upon request from the college.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website (or insert other online parent/carer/student communication method)
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Discussed in student forums
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff briefings/meetings as required
- Included in transition and enrolment packs
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions

- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

Further information and resources

- Lyndale Secondary College Sunsmart Policy
- Lyndale Secondary College Parent Complaint Policy
- Lyndale Secondary College Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy
- Department of Education and Training [Student Dress Code](#)
- Department of Education and Training [Student Engagement policies and guidelines](#).

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	Term 1, 2023
Consultation	School Council, sub schools
Approved by	School Council
Next scheduled review date	Term 1, 2026

APPENDIX A: LYNDALE SECONDARY COLLEGE UNIFORM ITEMS

<p>Summer Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lyndale SC summer dress • Shorts or grey stretch trousers with • White cotton school shirt with logo or white cotton long sleeve shirt and school tie • Lyndale SC blazer • Lyndale SC bonded jacket • Lyndale SC jumper • White knee high/ankle socks (stockings are not to be worn with the summer dress) • Female students wearing a hi-jab may wear black tights/stockings under their summer dress  	<p>Winter Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lyndale SC winter skirt, or grey stretch trousers with, • White cotton school shirt with logo or white cotton long sleeve shirt and school tie • Lyndale SC blazer • Lyndale SC bonded jacket • Lyndale SC jumper • Black or white knee-high socks or black stockings 
<p>Summer Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey school trousers or grey school shorts with • White cotton short sleeve shirt with logo or white cotton long sleeve shirt and school tie • Lyndale SC blazer • Lyndale SC bonded jacket • Lyndale SC jumper • Grey, black or white socks • Black leather lace up or t-bar school shoes  	<p>Winter Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey school trousers or grey school shorts with • White long sleeve shirt and school tie • Lyndale SC blazer • Lyndale SC bonded jacket • Lyndale SC jumper • Grey, black or white socks • Black leather lace up school shoes 
<p>PE Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lyndale SC v-neck polo • Lyndale SC Rugby Jumper • Black sports shorts • Black tracksuit pants with the college name • Grey, white or black socks • Runners must be worn in the stadium at all times <p>When students have PE in Period 1, the complete PE uniform may be worn to school, students must then change into their school uniform for the remainder of the day. When students have PE in Period 4, the complete PE uniform may be worn home.</p> 	<p>Outer uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A college blazer may be worn without a jumper • A school jumper or bonded jacket may be worn over the school shirt • Plain black leather lace up shoes for boys & girls or t-bars for the girls. 

Endorsed Date: 5th May 2023

Date of next review: May 2026