

UNIFORM POLICY



LAUNCESTON
CHRISTIAN
SCHOOL

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1. Rationale

At Launceston Christian School uniform standards are underpinned by the view that the Christian school's primary focus is on the transformation of the heart to *being in Christ*. This brings about an understanding that adherence to codes and standards are linked to the maturity and responsibility of a student in accepting the Lordship of Christ over everything and in all of life.

In line with parents' expressed wishes, all children will wear the School Uniform.

It is based on the beliefs that:

- a. School Uniform is the most economical option for parents in the long term
- b. Uniformity minimises economic differences and demonstrates a sense of equality
- c. Students develop a sense of belonging to the school
- d. Uniformity goes hand in hand with healthy discipline - accepting the rules and fitting in
- e. Developing a sense of appropriate personal presentation

The approach to creating and developing uniform policy will generally be based on the following four key considerations:

- a. *Affordability*: The type of uniform we select needs to be affordable and we need to consider how it may affect people who are struggling financially. Proving sufficient transition times for implementation of new uniform items will be considered
- b. *Practicality*: The uniform we select needs to be practical and due consideration will be given to issues relating to availability, climate, health and product specifications etc.
- c. *Sustainability*: The uniform we select must not be a product of a passing trend and due consideration will be given to issues relating to the capacity for uniform to be relatively "timeless";
- d. *Modesty*: In considering uniform items and policy, modesty will be considered. This will be defined as propriety in dress, simplicity and a lack of pretentiousness;

The School's approach to certain uniform standards is distinctly aimed at and linked to the tier of school they are in (Junior School, Middle School or Senior School). For example, the standard that has been set for Primary does not necessarily apply to Secondary students and what is understood as a good reason for a standard in the Middle School, does not unreservedly apply to Senior School.

The rationale behind this approach is that in Junior School we educate students by setting firm boundaries, in Middle school we educate by moving towards independence and in Senior School we operate with a view that students are adolescents who could and should take higher levels of responsibility for personal decisions. This progression can also be viewed as a Rite of Passage.

In terms of the flexibility for Senior School uniform, the School has chosen a semi-casual school uniform. One of the reasons for this is because students at State Senior Schools in Tasmania do not have a uniform and most Independent schools have a very formal uniform. At LCS we have opted for the “in-between” and thus allow for both individuality and uniformity. As a Christian school we believe in upholding the values of modesty, fairness, equality and good stewardship.

Finally, it is important to understand that because of various reasons, uniform policies cannot hold a consistent and complete list of inclusions and exclusions. This policy is an attempt to set boundaries and expectations with a reasonable set of inclusions that are consistent with the considerations above.

However, when in doubt or when disputed, the Principal will always be the final authority on uniform matters.

2. *Principal’s Consent and Compliance*

- a. As little as negotiation will be allowed, any variations from the uniform standards will only be allowed with the Principal's written consent.
- b. A uniform pass will be issued to students with a valid note from home.
- c. The required notice for parents to use can be obtained from the School Office.
- d. Staff and parents work together in partnership to ensure that students wear correct, neat and tidy uniform at school and outside of the school grounds. In other words, LCS uniform standards apply whenever the uniform is worn – **on and off campus**.
- e. As a consequence for students who do not comply with the Uniform Standards a recess, lunch and/or after school detention may be given. Students who persist in their refusal to comply may be sent home or externally suspended.
- f. The Principal may use his discretion in excluding any student from School activities if these uniform requirements are not met to his satisfaction.
- g. In the event of loss or wearing-out of uniform, parents are expected to obtain a replacement and the same procedure (see point c above) must be followed.

3. *The Uniform Committee*

- a. The Principal is responsible of overseeing all uniform matters in the school. The Principal uses the Uniform Committee to oversee the provision and supply of uniform as well as being his/her advisory group to recommending uniform policy to the Principal.
- b. Should parents wish to recommend or suggest changes to the uniform, they must do this in writing to the Principal who will consider the matter and /or seek advice from the Uniform Committee.
- c. Parents are welcome to talk to Uniform Committee members about matters pertaining to uniform but any formal agenda items, requests, complaints or suggestions must be submitted to the Principal in writing.

- d. The Uniform Committee consists of the Principal (Chair), Business Manager (Vice-Chair/Secretary), the Uniform Shop Coordinator, a Junior School staff delegate, a Middle School staff delegate, a Secondary School staff delegate, three Parent Reps and three Student Reps appointed by the Principal annually.
- e. The Uniform Committee meets once per term and may from time to time appoint subcommittees for consultation, advice and recommendation(s).
- f. Because the Uniform Committee is an advisory committee, in times when the Committee can't meet, the Principal can access the Executive for advice to make decisions regarding uniform and inform the Committee of this decision per e-mail.
- g. Uniform Committee members are not allowed to manage students in relation to uniform.

4. Uniform Availability

- a. Parents do not have permission to make their own School uniform. Various new and second-hand items of uniform are available from the School Uniform Shop. Check office/newsletters for normal opening hours during the year. The Uniform Shop is also open one or more days prior to the beginning of each school year and will be published on the school's website and in the Herald.
- b. All items with the exception of shoes, belts and black trousers are available from the School Uniform Shop. All items worn to School must be identical to those stocked at the Uniform Shop and it is strongly recommended that all uniform is purchased from the Uniform Shop. If items are obtained elsewhere, there is no guarantee that they will meet uniform regulations and parents may be faced with replacing an item if it is deemed unsuitable.

5. Uniform Changeover

- a. Summer Uniform to be worn during Terms 1 & 4
- b. Winter Uniform to be worn during Terms 2 & 3

6. Jewellery

- a. Girls are allowed only one pair of ear rings (in the earlobe) – gold or silver studs and/or sleepers only.
- b. No other body/facial piercing permitted.
- c. No tattooing permitted.
- d. Girls: Only one finger ring may be worn on each hand.
- e. The school reserves the right to confiscate any excess or inappropriate jewellery.

7. Hair

- a. Hair styles are to be **neat, clean and tidy**.
- b. Long hair must always be tied back when in uniform.
- c. No punk styles and colours are allowed.
- d. Hair accessories if worn must be unobtrusive and in school colours only.

- e. Students (K-12) are not allowed to grow moustaches, sides and/or beards. They are required to be clean and neatly shaved at all times.

8. Jumpers and Windcheaters

- a. Jumpers or windcheaters that are too large are not permitted. Nor should any jumper or windcheater be tied around the waist.

9. Socks

- a. Sloppy large socks, more than one pair of socks worn at once or socks over stockings will not be allowed.

10. Skirts and Shirts

- a. Skirts are not to be rolled over at the top to shorten them, causing them to hang unevenly. Skirts and dresses are to be no shorter than 10 cm from the floor when kneeling.
- b. Other than at game times/breaks shirts must be tucked in.

11. Hats and Caps

- a. All hats or caps must be appropriate school hats (K- 6 Green) (Gr 7–9 Maroon)
 - i. Junior School: Green school hats need to be worn all the time when outside with summer uniform.
 - ii. Middle School: LCS maroon hat to be worn at all times when outside with Summer Uniform (Terms 1 and 4).
 - iii. Senior School: If a student chooses to wear a hat, it needs to be a school hat/cap.
- b. No beanies or any variety of head-warming gear will be permitted.

12. LCS Approved Free Dress Days

- a. For designated Free Dress Days, when students are permitted to wear casual clothes, clothes should be modest, neat and appropriate. (No singlets or bare midriffs and T-shirts should be appropriate with no statements or slogans).
- b. If students have PE on such a day, non-marking shoes and appropriate clothing is needed.
- c. For safety reasons, appropriate gear also applies to students having HEC, TEC and other subjects that require hair to be tied up and shoes to be closed. Students may be refused to participate in those classes if they ignore this requirement. Students should therefore consider their subjects for the day and dress appropriately for that.

13. Make-up

- a. With regard to makeup, moderation and modesty should be the guiding principles.
- b. We define moderation as light foundation, light blush, clear lip gloss or light neutral lip colour and light neutral eye colour. Moderation is not bright eye shadows, thick eye liner and/or candy apple and glossy red lips.

- c. Primary students are not permitted to wear any make-up.

14. Sport Days and Carnivals

- a. At LCS Sport days and Carnivals (swimming, cross-country and athletics), students may only wear the school Sports Uniform – **also when participating in events.**
- b. The sport polo top has a central school colour and a side inlay for the House Team colour.

15. Neon, Fluorescent & Bright Colours

- a. Neon, fluorescent or bright coloured accessories are not permitted with any item of uniform.

16. School Colours

- a. For accessories only, official school colours are black, white, maroon/burgundy, bottle green and gold (not yellow)

IMPORTANT NOTE: All items are available at the School Uniform Shop except those marked with an * i.e. shoes, belts, black trousers and stockings.

Kinder & Prep: (summer/winter)

- Full sports uniform

Boys: Summer

Grade 1 - Grade 6

- Green shirt – summer (tucked in)
- Regulation grey shorts with bottle green socks
- Regulation grey trousers with bottle green socks
- Bottle green v-neck jumper if required
- Plain black polished shoes – no coloured shoelaces*
- Option: Grades P-2 only – black pull on boots
- Bottle Green School Hat
- Launceston Christian School Jacket

Grade 7 - Grade 9

- Green shirt – summer (tucked in)
- Regulation grey shorts with light grey walk socks
- Regulation grey trousers with light grey walk socks
- Bottle green v-neck jumper if required
- Plain black polished shoes – no coloured shoelaces*
- Maroon School Hat
- Launceston Christian School Jacket
- If belts are to be worn they must be plain black or grey

Boys: Winter

Grade 1 - Grade 6

- Green shirt (tucked in)
- Regulation grey shorts with bottle green socks
- Regulation grey trousers with bottle green socks
- Bottle green v-neck jumper
- Plain black polished shoes – no coloured shoelaces*
- Option: Grades P-2 only – black pull on boots
- Launceston Christian School Jacket

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- Regulation grey shorts with light grey walk socks
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- Bottle green v-neck jumper
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- If belts are to be worn they must be plain black or grey*

Girls: Summer

Grade 1 - Grade 6

- Check cotton/polyester dress in School colours and Style
- Bottle green School Socks
- Bottle green v-neck jumper if required
- Plain black polished shoes – no coloured shoelaces
- Bottle Green School Hat
- Launceston Christian School Jacket

Grade 7 - Grade 9

- Check cotton/polyester dress in School colours and style
- Bottle green School socks
- Bottle green v-neck jumper if required
- Plain black polished shoes – no coloured shoelaces
- Maroon School Hat
- Launceston Christian School Jacket

Girls: Winter

Grade 1 - Grade 6

- Green shirt, long or short sleeve (tucked in)
- Green check woollen tunic or
- *Regulation black trousers
- Bottle green v-neck jumper
- *Bottle green School socks or black 40+ denier stockings
- Plain black polished shoes – no coloured shoelaces
- Launceston Christian School Jacket

Grade 7 - Grade 9

- Green shirt long or short sleeves (tucked in)
- Green check woollen skirt or
- *Regulation black trousers
- Bottle green v-neck jumper
- *Bottle green School socks or black 40+ denier stockings
- Plain black polished shoes – no coloured shoelaces
- Launceston Christian School Jacket

Sports Uniform Boys and Girls (Kinder – Year 12)

1. Shorts/Long Pants

- K-9 Black School shorts with LCS logo (K-9) available from the Uniform Shop.
- 10-12 Plain black mid-thigh shorts (10-12)
- Plain all black track pants available from the Uniform Shop.

2. Shirts

- School Polo Shirt with logo and House Team coloured inlay.

3. Socks

- White sports socks are to be worn.

4. Sport Shoes

- Sport shoes should be non-marking and of good quality.

5. Long sleeve LCS rugby jumper for Junior School and Middle School.

6. Students may wear their Sports Uniform to school for the entire day on the day they have PE lessons.

7. The windcheater/rugby jumper may not be worn in place of the School jumper.

8. Swimming Carnivals – Only one-piece bathers are allowed. Rash vest is advised.

9. At LCS Sport Days and Carnivals (swimming, cross-country and athletics), students may only wear the school Sports Uniform – **also when participating in events.**

Senior School(10-12): Boys and Girls, Summer and Winter

1. Tops

- a. Strictly enforced: Senior School Polo Top & Senior School Rugby Top only
- b. Plain black jacket (Term 2 & 3 only), LCS jacket, or Senior School jacket if/when available.
- c. The approved Year 12 Leavers' Hoodie may also be worn if/when available
- d. Long/Short sleeve Tops may be worn underneath Polo Tops (strictly plain black or white only)

2. Trousers

- a. Students' choice of jeans, skirts or shorts (**in good condition**).
- b. Only dark plain colours allowed (black, grey, navy, burgundy, green)
- c. Plain black/blue denim are the school's preference
- d. No 'baggy' track pants are allowed

3. Skirt or Shorts (must be in good condition)

- a. Girls Skirts and Shorts - strictly mid-thigh
- b. Black tights and/or leggings are allowed to be worn under skirts and shorts but may not be "figure-hugging"
- c. No board shorts or camouflage shorts permitted

4. Hair

- a. Must be neat and tidy, long hair must be tied up in practical subjects
- b. No punk styles and colours are allowed.
- c. Hair accessories if worn must be unobtrusive and in school colours only.
- d. Senior School students are not allowed to grow moustaches, sides and/or beards and should therefore be clean and neatly shaved.

5. Accessories

- a. Senior School students may wear no more than two pairs of gold/silver studs or sleepers in their ears
- b. Strictly no other body piercings or tattoos allowed
- c. No bright coloured, fluorescent or neon colours allowed

6. Shoes

- a. Thongs and open-toe sandals are not allowed as they present a Workplace Health and Safety concern
- b. No ugg-boots, slippers or moccasins
- c. No bright, fluorescent or neon colours allowed

7. Caps/Hats

- a. Only school cap or hat is allowed with the uniform

8. Other

- a. Sports Lessons – students are permitted to change into another top for the lesson. However it must be appropriate for the activity and the school polo top must be worn again at the end of such a lesson

9. Senior School Formal Dress (Must be worn on Celebration Night)

- a. Formal Black Trousers or Black Skirt
- b. Black enclosed shoes
- c. Senior School top

10. Compliance

- a. Failure to comply with Senior School uniform standards may result in students being refused to attend events, classes or even risk being sent home