

# **SPRINGFIELD LAKES STATE SCHOOL - ACCEPTANCE OF STUDENT DRESS CODE**

Springfield Lakes State School Student Dress Code complies with Education Policy & Procedures Register SMS-PR-022: Student Dress Code

## **Uniform**

It is an expectation of the school community that Springfield Lakes State School students wear the school uniform selected in 2006. Student dress should promote the good image of the school within the community, and therefore students should be encouraged to wear the uniform and uphold the image.

We are a Sun-safe school and all students should wear a hat. (No Hat – No Play). There is a school hat that complements the school uniform.

Students should wear school uniform on all excursions, unless otherwise specifically approved by the principal. The school's dress code refers to clothing or apparel that would be socially acceptable.

The school does not accept inappropriate dress standards. This includes clothing or apparel that could be deemed to be:

- a) Offensive
- b) Likely to disrupt, or negatively influence, the normal operation of the school;
- c) Unsafe for the student or others; or
- d) Likely to result in a risk to the health of the students or others.

## **Swimming**

All students are required to wear a swimming cap. Hair must be completely tucked under the cap.

Girls: One-piece swimming costume or Sun-safe swimming two piece. Bikinis are not acceptable swimwear.

Boys: Speedos of football style short shorts with no pockets or Sun-safe swimming two piece. Underwear including boxer shorts, or long shorts are not acceptable swimwear.

Jewellery is not to be worn in the swimming pool and must be removed or taped prior to swimming.

## **Shoes**

Students are expected to wear safe, comfortable footwear as recommended as school uniform. Thongs or open sandals are not acceptable footwear.

## **Hair**

All long hair is required to be tied back with hair ties. Radical hairstyles are discouraged and parents are requested to consider whether a particular hairstyle is appropriate for school before the child has it done. Hairstyle, as does certain inappropriate dress, can negatively influence student attitudes and behaviour. Respect for the school code of dress and behaviour should reflect the good image of the school.

## **Jewellery**

The wearing of jewellery is not permitted a Springfield Lakes State School as it can cause injury to the student and others. The exceptions to this are:

A wrist watch; earrings – only sleepers and studs are permitted; 1 signet ring; permanent bangles; religious artefacts.

**Resolution of School P & C Association** The Springfield Lakes State School P & C Association has passed a resolution about whether to have a student dress code and what that dress code will be.

It reads:

The Springfield Lakes State School P & C Association resolves that it supports a student dress code policy for Springfield Lakes State School because it believes that a student dress code policy promotes the objectives of the Education (General Provisions) Act 1989, and in particular that it:

- a) promotes a safe environment for learning by enabling ready identification of students and non-students at the school;
- b) promotes an effective teaching and learning environment by eliminating the distraction of competition in dress and fashion at the school;
- c) promotes a supportive environment at the school by fostering a sense of belonging; and
- d) fosters mutual respect among individuals at the school by minimising visible evidence of economic, class or social differences and promotes a supportive environment at the school by fostering a sense of belonging.

The student dress code at Springfield Lakes State School is part of the school's Code of Behaviour. It will be disseminated to all members of the school community and included in information for newly enrolling students.

## **Breaches of the dress code**

In the likelihood of individual cases of conflict with a student dress code, or persistent failure to uphold the code, the department will support the following actions:

- a) if the student is inappropriately dressed the principal or nominee should:
  - I. offer appropriate item/s from the bank of uniforms held at the school
  - II. take action that prevents risk to the student and others, or action that maintains the normal operations of the school;
  - III. inform the student's parents or carers and to prevent recurrence discussions should be held with the parent or carers, representatives of the school and the school community, and the student; and
  - IV. implement a process of conflict resolution or mediation if, after discussions have been held with the students parents or carers, the student persistently wear inappropriate dress.
- b) if the student is reasonably dressed, but does not conform with the student dress code, the principal or nominee should:
  - I. offer appropriate item/s from the bank of uniforms held at the school;
  - II. inform the student's parents or carers of the matter and, if necessary, discuss it further with them; and
  - III. use, with representatives of the school community, appropriate conflict-resolutions or mediation strategies if the student persistently fails to observe the student dress code.

## **AGREEMENT:**

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SPRINGFIELD LAKES STATE SCHOOL IS A "UNIFORM SCHOOL"; THAT I HAVE READ THE SCHOOL'S DRESS CODE AND AGREE TO MY CHILD/CHILDREN WEARING SCHOOL UNIFORM AND ABIDING BY THE RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL PARENTS AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_