



## SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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**RATIONALE:** The uniform at Liwara is a symbol of the school community and it assists children to develop a sense of unity, pride and belonging. Whenever the uniform is worn at school or public places, it must be worn in accordance with this policy.

### PRINCIPLES:

1. Wearing the uniform is part of the contract between parents and the school.
2. Parents need to be partners in abiding by the School Uniform Policy.
3. The uniform includes all articles worn by students, including external clothing/accessories.
4. While students are encouraged to monitor their own wearing of the uniform, we ask parents to be vigilant about their children's school attire at all times.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

- All children are to wear a clean and tidy school uniform.
- School socks must be worn. They are to be visible, not hidden in school shoes.
- School pants must be worn correctly. They are not to be worn low.
- Class teachers will be responsible for informing students when the school uniform and sports uniform are inappropriate.
- A note of explanation is to be given to the class teacher, on any given day, if the uniform is not worn as outlined in the Uniform Requirement document.
- All items of clothing should be clearly marked with the child's name.
- Hats with the school crest must be worn at all times when the student is outdoors.
- A changeover period between summer and winter uniforms will be allowed at the discretion of the Principal.
- An economically viable School Uniform Shop will provide a service to the community.
- Parents and caregivers are responsible for ensuring their children attend school in the correct uniform each day.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM

- Physical Education and sports clothes are to be worn correctly on the days outlined each year.
- Black sports shoes with white school sports socks are to be worn.
- As of January 2020 the school faction polo shirt must be worn on the student's Physical Education day.
- The school red and green polo shirt is to be worn on class Sports day and on class excursions and for interschool sporting events.

## HAIRSTYLES

- For health reasons all shoulder length hair needs to be tied back securely. If hair is longer than the bottom of the collar, it must be completely tied back with an elastic band, in school colours.
- The school colours of green, white and red are to be used if using ribbon or hair accessories.
- Children's haircuts need to be conservative and appropriate to uniform expectations. Excessively short hair is not permitted. A cut shorter than a number three is unacceptable.
- Hair must be one natural colour only. Extremes in hair colour and styles are not acceptable.
- Children should avoid excessive use of hair gel or hair products.
- Dreadlocks or coloured beads are not part of the uniform and therefore not permitted.
- Hair must be clean, brushed and kept off the face.

## JEWELLERY / MAKE-UP

- The only jewellery permitted is a watch, one pair of plain studs or small sleepers (one in each ear) and one fine neck chain (a Christian symbol may be added to the chain – optional).
- Children should not wear valuable jewellery to school. Apart from the fact that it can be lost or broken, it is a distraction to themselves and others around them.
- Make-up and nail polish **are not** to be worn at any time during school hours or when in uniform after school hours for special events.

## PERMITTED ACCESSORIES

- A plain red or dark green scarf can be worn with the winter uniform, whilst outdoors.
- A dark green Liwara rain jacket may be worn over the full winter uniform (including jumper) but only whilst the students are outdoors.

***A 'Uniform Infringement Notice' will be sent home by the class teacher, to notify parents, if a child is not wearing the correct uniform. Repeat notices will result in a meeting with a member of the Leadership Team.***