Uniform policy

Rationale

The Larmenier School Board of Management has resolved that children attending the school should wear an approved school uniform, unless exempted from doing so by the Principal on designated days and for exceptional reasons. Students are also bound by our clear outline on sensible jewellery and hair for students at Larmenier School.

Aims

The Board of Management believes that a clearly stated and sensibly implemented uniform policy is important for the following reasons:

• To provide a focus and a sense of identity for students attending the school.
• To provide a consistent focus and a sense of direction for students.
• To provide an opportunity for parents and staff to instill in the children a sense of pride in their appearance, which is an important Christian ethic.
• To prevent excesses in fashion trends and to eliminate competition among students, often based on parent ability to provide suitable clothes.
• To provide an economic means of clothing children for school.
• To prevent excesses in fashion trends by allowing the wearing of unobtrusive jewellery and hairstyles that are neither unusual nor distracting and which do not promote competitive behaviour.

Procedures

• The Principal is empowered by the Board of Management to implement the approved uniform policy and, in doing so, may grant exception to a child from wearing all or part of the uniform for a designated period of time.
• An explanatory note from parents is required to be sent to the Principal if a child is not wearing the correct school uniform.
• Dates of change for summer/winter uniform shall be determined by the Principal and shall recognise seasonal factors.
• Sports shoes are not to be worn to and from school unless part of the Physical Education uniform.
• Students are only to have regulation school bags.
• If students are in public places while in school uniform, (e.g., shopping after school) the full, correct uniform must be worn.
• The school uniform shop, under the auspices of the Parents & Friends Association, provides a service for parents by stocking all items of the approved school uniform, except for shoes and sports shoes, at minimum possible prices.
• All members of the school staff are conscious of their role in implementing this policy by setting an example in their own neatness and appropriateness of dress and by ensuring that children are neatly attired when participating in any school activity.

Acceptable forms of jewellery may include one or more of the following:
• A set of earrings; these being plain studs worn in the lower ear lobes, a watch, a Christian symbol worn around the neck e.g. a cross or medal.
• All jewellery is to be removed by students before playing in school sports teams and before participating in competitive physical educational activities. In general, this would not include weekly physical education classes.

Hair guidelines:
• Hair is to be clean, neat and tidy at all times.
• Hair of shoulder length or longer is to be worn tied back as a health and safety measure. Ribbons, clips, bands and ‘scrunchies’ are to be of school colours of gold or royal blue only.
• Unusual colouring or hairstyles are unacceptable.

Other items:
• The following miscellaneous items are unacceptable: nail polish, makeup, anklets and friendship bands.

THE SCHOOL UNIFORM

SUMMER
Girls – school dress, light blue short socks, black shoes, school blazer
Boys – Grey shorts, blue short-sleeved shirt, short grey socks, black shoes, school blazer
Kindergarten – wear sports uniform all year round.

WINTER
Girls – Blue school tunic, school tie, white long-sleeved shirt, long navy socks or navy tights, black shoes, school jumper, school blazer
Boys – long grey trousers, blue long-sleeved shirt, school tie, grey socks, black shoes, school jumper, school blazer.
Kindergarten – wear sports uniform all year round.

Optional for winter for Girls and Boys
Blue gloves, scarf & beanie
Navy spray jacket
• NB only blue or yellow accessories are to be worn with the school uniform.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM

Girls and Boys – school rugby top, school track pants, short or long sleeved polo top, blue shorts, white socks and sport shoes.

• NB Girls are to wear one-piece bathers for swimming carnivals and programs (royal blue are preferred)

How do we make this policy work?
Sensible adherence to this policy is the responsibility of everyone in the school community. Parents, guardians, carers, staff and students themselves all have a role to play in making it work.

Any items which are not covered specifically by this policy need to be discussed with and approved by the Principal before wearing at school.

EVALUATION
The school uniform may be reviewed at any time at the request of the Staff, Board of Management, Parents & Friends Association or the School Auxiliary. As part of any such review, members of these groups shall be invited to make submissions to the Board of Management for decision.