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POLICY NAME: Uniform Policy

Preamble:

A school uniform consists of a limited range of clothing, including footwear and headwear. It identifies students as belonging to Peace Lutheran School. Peace expects students to wear the uniform during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when engaged in school activities out of school hours. The wearing of school uniform at Peace Lutheran School brings many benefits to the school - the promotion of the school's public image; an enhanced school spirit; a reduction in rivalry between students; an increase in convenience and cost-saving for parents; and preparation for work environments which have dress and safety codes. The school proudly implements the wearing of a school uniform.

Principles:

Decisions about school uniforms are consistent with health and safety legislation. Aspects of the uniform related to safety, e.g. safe footwear and hats, are enforced as appropriate.

The uniform policy is a result of consultation with students, teachers and parents or carers. The consultations are conducted in an appropriate manner, usually by parent survey and input from P&F. The school's uniform policy and uniform requirements are formally endorsed by the school council before implementation.

The school's uniform policy and school uniform requirements are reviewed by a uniform committee and amended where necessary. Groups within the school community may also seek a review when circumstances change significantly or issues arise.

General information about uniform requirements:

Formal Uniform

The formal uniform is as listed. The options may be worn at the discretion of the child.

Sports Uniform

The sports uniform is only to be worn on the days nominated for sport. The tracksuit pants are part of the sport uniform and not an option to the formal uniform. Senior students may wear the senior shirts on sports days. A coloured team sports shirt is worn to the interschool carnivals held during the year and any other nominated special days during the year.

Hats

Hats are to be worn at all times when outdoors. The policy "no hat no play" is strictly adhered to. Children are encouraged to wear sunscreen for all outdoor activities. Prep students wear a red hat during their first year of school in order to easily identify them.

Shoes

Black lace-up shoes are to be worn on formal days and can be formal or jogger style. Ballerina slipper or single strap shoes are not permitted.

White lace up jogger style shoes are to be worn on sports days. Shoes are to have minimum trim **colour royal or navy blue, grey or black** only are permitted.

ONLY Junior stage students are permitted to wear a white jogger style shoe with velcro straps in place of lace ups on sports day and a black jogger style shoe with velcro straps in place of lace ups for formal days. All students in stages 1,2 and 3 are required to wear lace up style shoes.

Uniform Policy for Girls:

Girls Formal Uniform:

Culottes & formal blouse: Royal blue culottes. Blue check short sleeve blouse, with royal blue trims.

Jacket (winter): Royal blue, navy and white microfibre jacket with school logo embroidered on front left chest.

Jumper (winter): Royal Blue tracksuit top, V neck, with school logo embroidered on front left chest.

Trousers (winter): Navy straight leg polyester viscose long pants, elastic back.

Socks: White, plain ankle length, worn above the ankle bone.

Shoes: Black, smooth leather lace-up formal or jogger style - ballerina slipper style or single strap shoes and the like are not permitted.

Hat: Navy broad brim with school logo embroidered on front except for prep students who wear a red hat.

Girls Optional Wear:

Dress: Fabric: blue check with royal blue trims.

Tights: Flesh coloured tights may be worn under culottes only and must be worn with socks. To minimise variations in colour, only flesh coloured tights sold through the Uniform Shop will be acceptable. Navy tights may be worn with the optional dress only, not under culottes and are also to be purchased through the Uniform Shop. Socks are not to be worn with navy tights. Flesh coloured tights and socks cannot be worn with the optional dress.

Girls Sports Uniform:

Shorts: Royal blue microfibre shorts **or Culottes:** Royal blue culottes.

Shirt: Royal blue, navy & white polo shirt, embroidered school logo with 'Peace Lutheran Primary School' on edge of collar.

Tracksuit: Royal blue, navy and white microfibre jacket with school logo embroidered on front left chest and Royal blue microfibre pants.

Socks: White plain ankle length, worn above the ankle bone.

Shoes: White lace up jogger. Minimum trim colours are permitted royal or navy blue, grey or black only.

Hat: Navy broad brim with school logo embroidered on front except for prep students who wear a red hat.

House T-Shirt: Valour (Orange), Creed (Green) and Amity (Purple) Polo shirt with House name on left chest. These shirts are to be purchased through the Uniform Shop.

Swimming: One piece costume or two piece tankini set is required. Tankini has to consist of a sun safe shirt which meets the bikini bottom. No midriff is to show between the top and bottom. Compulsory house colour swimming caps **must** be worn. Sun safe swimming shirts are also compulsory, no shirt no swim. Goggles are optional but well advised.

Please ensure all items are clearly marked with your child's name.

Grooming Policy for Girls:

Girls Hair:

Hair must be worn off face. Hair may be of any length; however once it is well below the collar it must be tied up with either a white, royal blue, navy or uniform ribbon or scrunchie. Plain hair accessories (hairbands, ties and clips) are to be navy, royal blue or white. Any hairstyles (eg: colour, foils, streaks) or hairbands (diamantes, large flowers, highly decorative) must be suitable school wear and not draw undue attention to the child.

Girls Jewellery:

If pierced, ears are to be pierced only once. Plain gold, silver, royal blue, cross or dove studs are recommended, rather than small sleepers. The only other jewellery permissible is a chain with a cross or religious symbol and a neutral coloured watch. Signet rings and bracelets and all other forms of jewellery are not permitted. Make-up and fingernail polish is not permitted.

Uniform Policy for Boys:

Boys Formal Uniform:

Shorts: Royal blue Stubbies, longer-leg style.

Shirt: Blue shirt with royal blue collar and sleeve cuff with school logo embroidered on the chest pocket, wear out style.

Jacket (winter): Royal blue, navy and white microfibre jacket with school logo embroidered on left chest.

Trousers (winter): Navy straight leg polyester viscose long pants, elastic back.

Jumper (winter): Royal Blue tracksuit top, V neck, with school logo embroidered on the front left chest.

Socks: White plain ankle length, worn above the ankle bone.

Shoes: Black, smooth leather lace-up in formal or jogger style only – skaters, flaps, dunlops or the like are not permitted.

Hat: Navy broad brim with school logo embroidered on front except for prep students who wear a red hat

Boys Sports Uniform:

Shorts: Royal blue microfibre shorts.

Shirt: Royal blue, navy and white polo shirt, embroidered school logo with 'Peace Lutheran Primary School' on edge of collar.

Tracksuit: Royal blue, navy and white microfibre jacket with school logo embroidered on front left chest and royal blue microfibre pants.

Socks: White plain ankle length, worn above the ankle bone.

Shoes: White lace up jogger style. Minimum trim colours are permitted royal or navy blue, grey or black only.

Hat: Navy blue broad brim with school logo embroidered on front except for prep students who wear a red hat.

House T-Shirt: Valour (Orange), Creed (Green) and Amity (Purple) Polo shirt with House name on left chest. These shirts are to be purchased through the Uniform Shop.

Swimming: Speedo style swimmers are required. Compulsory house colour swimming caps **must** be worn. Sun safe swimming shirts are also compulsory – no shirt no swim. Goggles are optional but well advised.

Please ensure all items are clearly marked with your child's name.

Grooming Policy for Boys:

Boys Hair:

Hair must be worn off the face. Hair length longer than the top of the collar is not permitted. Any hair style must not draw undue attention to the child eg: colours, foils, streaks, shaved tracks, rat tails, mohawks, etc. Hair trimmed with a blade (crew cut) must not be cut with a blade lower than number 2.

Boys Jewellery:

Boys may wear a cross or religious symbol on a chain and a neutral coloured watch. Rings, studs and all other forms of jewellery are not permitted.

Procedures:

Implementing School Uniform Requirements:

Everyone has a role in setting the standards of uniform for the school. Teachers and other school staff will model appropriate standards for students. They will dress in a professional manner at all times.

Positive reinforcement and encouraging responsible behaviour are the preferred approaches to ensuring students wear the school uniform. Students will be commended for their attention to wearing the uniform appropriately and enhancing their individual and school pride.

School assemblies will outline uniform expectations reinforcing children's knowledge and the importance of following these expectations

Students unable to meet the school's dress code on a given day

- Will be required to hand a note of explanation to their home group teacher.
- If there is no explanation the child will be taken aside and spoken to quietly reinforcing uniform expectations. They will be asked to follow the expectations or bring in a note of explanation.
- If the infringement continues to occur a uniform infringement notice will be issued by the home group teacher or the principal/deputy, notifying parents of the continued infringement and asking parents to help the children follow the policy or provide a note of explanation.
- Parents will be advised when such infringements reach unsatisfactory levels and appropriate consequences for continued infringements will be implemented and may include non-attendance at school social and sporting events particularly if the children's safety is at risk.
- Students will not be disadvantaged where required uniform items are not available because of circumstances beyond their control.

Management:

Availability of Uniform:

The school uniform shop is currently located in the Peace Lutheran Primary School, behind the Tuckshop. Parents are welcome to purchase items during advertised times.

If parents find it impossible to visit the shop during these times, they may send a written order with payment to the school and the order will be filled as soon as possible and sent home with the family's oldest child.

Some second-hand uniforms are available through the shops' second hand clothing pool and are sold on a 'cash only' basis. Patterns for the girls dress and girls' formal blouse may be hired at \$2.

Credit card and eftpos facilities are available. Most uniform requirements are available through the shop. The standards of the uniform are to be strictly adhered to; therefore, if the uniform is made or bought elsewhere, the correct and official standards are to be maintained.

Acceptance of Enrolment:

Acceptance of enrolment at Peace Lutheran Primary School assumes an agreement between the school, the parent/guardian and the enrolling student that the dress code will be followed. ***Note – Students wishing to vary the school uniform for cultural, religious or other reasons should discuss their needs with the School Principal.***