



Student Dress Code

Rapids Landing Primary School community actively encourages the wearing of school uniform and strongly recommends that all items are clearly labelled and identifiable.

Rapids Landing Primary School has a dress code for all students. This is in accordance with Department of Education policy and has been endorsed by the Interim School Board. Uniform options are similar for all students, including gender neutral items such as shorts and pants. Acceptance of enrolment at the school assumes an agreement that the enrolling student will dress within the guidelines of the dress code.

The Rapids Landing Primary School Board supports a Student Dress Code because it:

- Assists in building school and team spirit and sense of school identity;
- Presents a positive image of the school to the community;
- Encourages pride in personal appearance;
- Enhances identification and safety of students in school and on school excursions; and
- Resolves issues of “what to wear” and encourages equity by removing competitive “fashion” items among students.

School Uniform

- Navy short (two thirds down the length of the thigh and loose fitting walk short), sports skirt, track pants or skort.
- Rapids Landing PS polo shirt.
- Rapids Landing PS dress.
- Rapids Landing PS track jacket or plain navy track jacket/fleece (no logos/stripes/graphics).
- Rapids Landing PS hat.
- Faction shirts – for sporting events only.
- Students will be encouraged to wear sport socks or socks/tights in school colours, eg navy or white.
- Enclosed/closed in footwear appropriate and safe for the activity, excursion or incursion.
- Hair is to be worn neat, clean and tied off face (if longer than shoulder length). Please keep hair accessories to a minimum.
- Waterproof jackets may be worn to and from school for protection against the weather but are required to be taken off during school hours.
- *Small* stud earrings or *small* sleepers, watches and medic-alert bracelets/necklaces are acceptable. Cultural or religious symbols may be worn at the Principal’s discretion. We ask that no other items of jewellery are worn for safety and security reasons.

The school has a responsibility to encourage the safe use of headwear and a “have hat – will play in the sun” policy that will be in place all year. Please ensure cycle helmets are worn by all students riding their bicycle, skateboard or other transport with wheels to and from school.

Non-appropriate school clothing and accessories

- Singlets and strap tops.
- Board shorts.
- Advertising logos, obscenities or graphics.
- Additional decorative jewellery and hair accessories.
- Thongs, shoes with high heels/platforms or slip on shoes without a back.
- Cosmetics, make up, nail polish or false nails.
- Tattoos, coloured hair spray or body paint (except for special events).
- Additional, obvious piercing and ear expanders.
- Baseball caps.

Specifically excluded

- The Department of Education’s Dress Code for Students states that denim clothing is not permitted in schools.

Staff at Rapids Landing Primary School will pursue a positive approach to the School Dress Code, with intentional teaching and encouragement of acceptable clothing and accessories.

Students not following the dress code will receive:

- Counselling from a designated staff member on the benefits of a dress code.
- Clarification of reason for non-compliance and a request for the Code to be followed.
- Notification to parents advising of inappropriate dress, if appropriate.
- Assistance/support in obtaining suitable clothing, if necessary.
- A pass for an agreed length of time for dress modification.

Students who still do not comply with the school’s dress code may be denied the opportunity to represent their school at:

- Official school activities.
- Choir performances.
- Interschool sports competitions.
- Class excursions.

Students attending school activities/excursions are expected to follow the School Dress Code requirements. In the event that a student’s uniform is not worn, the parents and carers will be contacted and the possibility of a uniform loan arranged.

Following repeated non-appropriate School Dress Code requirements in a given term, the Executive will discuss the non-compliance with the student’s parent or guardian and request cooperation with the Dress Code and provide counselling and support where required.

Families suffering financial difficulty in supporting the Dress Code may approach the Principal – in confidence.

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