



**FREMANTLE LANGUAGE  
DEVELOPMENT CENTRE**

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## **DRESS CODE FOR STUDENTS POLICY**



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## 1. SCHOOL PROFILE

Fremantle Language Development Centre (LDC) is an Independent Public School that provides high quality specialist education for Kindergarten to Year 3 students who have a significant primary language disorder or diagnosis of Developmental Language Disorder (DLD). Fremantle LDC consists of a school and a state-wide Outreach service and provide targeted, intensive language and academic intervention in a supportive environment that focuses on the social, emotional and academic growth of students.

The school is located across three sites where facilities are shared with local primary schools, enabling children from the LDC to benefit from interaction and inclusion with mainstream students. The main administration is located at Willagee on the Caralee Community School site. The Beeliar campus is located at Beeliar Primary School and Bull Creek campus is located at Bull Creek Primary School. Our purpose is to equip our students with the skills and knowledge to successfully transition to mainstream education.

## 2. RATIONALE

Dress codes are tangible evidence of the standards expected of students. A school's dress code plays an important role in promoting a positive image of the school and creating a sense of identify among students.

The benefits of a school dress code include:

- promoting safety of students through easier identification
- keeping costs of clothing within reasonable limits for parents
- assisting students to learn the importance of appropriate presentation

Being suitably groomed is part of the process by which students learn to engage with the community. Public schools are required to have a dress code and students are required to comply with the code unless they have been granted an exemption (Dress Codes for Students in Public Schools Policy v 2.5, DOE 2026).

As the Fremantle LDC is located across three sites where facilities are shared with local primary schools it is important that the Fremantle LDC adheres to the dress code of these primary schools. This ensures an inclusive site where children from the Fremantle LDC are a part of the wider school community.



### **3. LEGISLATION AND POLICIES**

#### **3a. Relevant Legislation or Authority**

- Equal Opportunity Act 1984 (WA)
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (Cth)
- Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984 (WA)
- Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth)
- School Education Act 1999 (WA)
- School Education Regulations 2000 (WA)
- Sex Discrimination Act 1984 (Cth)

#### **3b. Relevant Policies, Department of Education, WA**

- Dress Codes for Students in Public Schools Policy (Effective date: 1 January 2018; Version: 2.5; Last update date: 15 April 2026)
- Dress Codes for Students in Public Schools Procedures (Effective date: 1 January 2018; Version: 2.5; Last update date: 15 April 2026)
- Student Behaviour in Public Schools Policy (Effective date: 17 July 2023; Version: 3.0)
- Enrolment in Public Schools Policy (Effective date: 18 July 2022; Version: 3.1; Last update date: 11 February 2025)
- Student Health in Public Schools Policy (Effective date: 17 July 2023; Version: 4.0)



## 4. DRESS CODE

The Fremantle LDC is located across three sites where facilities are shared with local primary schools. To promote an inclusive school environment, the Fremantle LDC follows the dress code of these primary schools. Acceptance of the dress code is assumed upon enrolment at Fremantle Language Development Centre. A summary of the dress code for each site is below. Please refer to the link for more up to date or detailed information.

### 4a. Willagee Site (Caralee Community School)

Dress Code Policy:

[https://www.caraleecs.wa.edu.au/uploaded\\_files/media/1623915307school\\_dress\\_code\\_plan.pdf](https://www.caraleecs.wa.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/1623915307school_dress_code_plan.pdf)

Uniform Shop: <https://www.caraleecs.wa.edu.au/page/180/Uniform-Shop>

Clothing item	Dress Code
Dress / Skirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Black skorts</li> <li>Black skirt</li> </ul>
Shorts / Pants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Black shorts</li> <li>Black track pants</li> <li>Black long pants</li> </ul>
Shirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ochre polo shirt with logo</li> <li>Faction coloured T-shirt (worn on Fridays and at sporting events)</li> </ul>
Jumpers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ochre jumper</li> <li>Black jacket with school logo</li> </ul>
Hat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wide brim black hat (reversible with faction colour on underside) with logo</li> </ul>
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suitable footwear (sneakers or sandals with a strap at the back)</li> </ul>

\*Kindergarten students can choose to wear either their faction shirt or the ochre shirt.

### 4b. Beeliar Site (Beeliar Primary School)

Dress Code Policy:

<https://beeliarps.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Dress-Code-Policy-Updated-Sept-2022.pdf>

Uniform Shop: <http://beeliarps.wa.edu.au/information/uniforms/>

Clothing Item	Dress Code
Dress / Skirt / skorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Navy skirt</li> <li>School check patterned dress</li> </ul>
Shorts / Pants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Navy shorts</li> <li>Navy pants or navy tracksuit pants</li> <li>Navy cargo pants</li> </ul>
Shirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School shirt with logo</li> <li>Faction shirts can be worn on Sports Day and PE Days</li> </ul>
Jumpers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green school rugby top or zip-up jacket</li> <li>Navy hooded surf jacket with school logo</li> <li>Plain navy or jade green windcheater / jacket</li> </ul>
Hat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wide brimmed school hat with logo</li> </ul>
Shoes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covered footwear – sneakers or school shoes</li> <li>Sandals – enclosed with strap at back</li> </ul>



#### 4c. Bull Creek Site (Bull Creek Primary School)

Dress Code Policy:

<https://www.bullcreekps.wa.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Dress-Code-Policy-2-1.pdf>

Uniform Shop: <https://www.bullcreekps.wa.edu.au/parent-information/uniform-shop/>

Clothing Item	Dress Code
Dress / Skirt / Skorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bull Creek Primary dress</li> <li>Navy blue skirt</li> <li>Navy blue skorts</li> </ul>
Shorts / Pants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unisex navy blue shorts</li> <li>Navy cargo shorts</li> <li>Navy blue leggings</li> <li>Navy track pants</li> </ul>
Shirt	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dark blue polo shirts with logo</li> <li>Faction polo shirt with logo (for sport days)</li> </ul>
Jumpers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Navy fleecy zip jacket with logo</li> <li>Tracksuit jacket with logo</li> </ul>
Hat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wide brimmed hat with logo</li> </ul>
Shoes	Covered shoes or sandals are approved. Shoes and sandals are to be of a style which is firmly attached to the foot by buckle or other means. For sporting activities appropriate footwear is required.

#### 4d. Applicable to all sites

Footwear	Covered shoes (sneakers) School sandals (enclosed with buckle) School shoes Sporting activities – sneakers <i>No thongs, ugg boots, high heeled shoes or slide on shoes permitted</i>
Jewellery	Earrings - studs or plain small sleepers Watches may be worn
Hair	Hair longer than the top of the shoulder needs to be tied back
Cosmetics	<i>No nail polish or make up is permitted</i>
Clothing	<i>No denim clothing is permitted in Western Australian Public Schools</i> <i>No clothing with slogans, patterns or logos (other than the school logo)</i>

All of the approved items of school clothing are available from the School Uniform Shops run by the Parents and Citizens Committees at each school campus. Second hand clothing may be available from the school uniform shops.



## 5. “NO HAT NO PLAY” POLICY

The Fremantle LDC operates a “No Hat, No Play” Policy throughout the year. This means that children's outdoor activities will be confined to shaded areas if no hat is available. This policy reflects the importance of shading the face/head from the harmful rays of the sun. Students must wear the approved school broad brimmed hat as outlined in the dress code (section 4).

## 6. MODIFICATION OF DRESS CODE ITEMS

Parents who, for health or religious reasons, wish to modify the school dress code for their children should discuss this with the Principal of the Fremantle LDC. Staff will be informed of any students granted a modification to the dress code.

## 7. EXEMPTIONS FROM COMPLIANCE WITH THE DRESS CODE

Students are required to comply with the school dress code unless they have been granted an exemption. Exemptions and sanctions are managed in accordance with the School Education Regulations 2000 and requirements in the Dress Codes for Students in Public Schools Procedures (DOE, 2026).

Where an exemption applies, students should still be neat and dressed in accordance with other provisions in the school’s dress code.

The principal (under regulation 35 (2) of the School Education Regulations 2000), may provide an exemption on the following grounds:

- unavailability of an item
- a matter relating to the student’s health
- a matter relating to the religious beliefs of the student or the student’s family
- a matter relating to the cultural background of the student or the student’s family
- or another matter which in the principal’s opinion is sufficient to exempt the student from complying with the requirement.

The principal may use their own discretion as to the level of formality and the duration of an exemption.

The details of the exemption will include (in line with Regulation 35(4) of the School Education Regulations 2000):

- each requirement of the dress code which the student is exempt from complying with
- the time period for which the exemption has effect
- the grounds for the exemption



- any relevant conditions

## 8. NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE DRESS CODE

The Dress Code for Students in Public Schools Policy (DOE, 2026) states a non-complying student is one who does not comply with a requirement of the school's dress code and who has reached the age of 5 years and 6 months at the time of the alleged non-compliance or would have reached that age during the calendar year in which the alleged non-compliance occurred.

Under the School Education Regulations 2000 (Regulation 36) if a student does not comply with the appropriate dress code described in section 4, they may be excluded from the opportunity to represent the Fremantle LDC at school activities including choir, class excursions, sporting and social events which are not deemed, in the opinion of the principal, part of the education program. If this occurs an alternative program will be provided to the students. The Fremantle LDC will not prevent a non-complying student from attending or participating in a school event where the activity, in the opinion of the principal, is an essential part of the student's educational program.

When a student contravenes the school dress code on a regular basis the school will:

- Contact the parents / carer
- Counsel the parents and support them in obtaining suitable clothing if necessary
- The principal may, at their discretion, choose to fund outfits for use by students on school outings or for daily wear as appropriate

## 9. RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND COMPLIANCE

Implementation and compliance of the Fremantle LDC Dress Code Policy is the responsibility of the Principal.

## 10. DEVELOPING AND CHANGING DRESS CODES

Parents will be provided with details of the school's dress code in writing at the time of enrolment and when there are changes to the code (as per the School Education Regulations 2000, Regulation 34).

- Changes to dress codes will be:
  - in line with changes made to the dress codes of the primary schools the Fremantle LDC shares its campuses with
  - introduced only after reasonable notification to parents
  - approved by the school board