Latham Primary Dress Standard and Colour Code Policy

**Rationale**
Latham Primary expects students to abide by a dress standard while attending school or official school activities.

Together with the school board, Latham Primary has developed a standard for the wearing of school uniform and colour code.

The Latham Primary policy is consistent with occupational health and safety, anti-discrimination, equal opportunity legislation and the Department of Education and Training’s Sun Protection policy.

The Latham school uniform consists of a limited range of clothing which identifies students as belonging to our school. As well as school uniform, Latham Primary also has a colour code – royal blue tops and black bottoms – which further establish the identity of Latham Primary students.

Latham Primary School expects students to abide by their dress standard, which includes uniform or colour code during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when engaged in school activities out of the school.

Students are expected to wear:
- Swim shirts at swimming carnivals,
- safe footwear,
- hats as detailed in the Latham Primary Sunsmart Policy

Students who do not comply will be given alternative activities e.g. shade based activities, activities which do not require covered footwear, non swimming activities.

Parents will be informed of the Latham Primary Dress Standard and Colour Code Policy at the time of enrolment and at subsequent times throughout the year. The Policy will also be available on the Latham Primary Website. Parents will be required to sign an agreement at the time of enrolment.

Teachers and other school staff have a responsibility for setting the standards of the school; they should model appropriate standards and dress in a professional manner at all times.
Policy

Latham Primary has a school uniform - consisting of polo shirts, warm fleecy tops, T-shirts and dresses - and a school colour code – royal blue tops and black bottoms. All students are expected to wear school uniform or dress in the school colour code.

The wearing of uniform and colour code will be encouraged by positive reinforcement and encouragement of responsible behaviour.

Where students consistently fail to wear uniform or comply with the colour code, the following strategies may be applied:

- Discussions with students and/or their parents
- The offer of appropriate items of clothing held at the school
- Preventing the student from attending or participating in any school activity in which the student is representing the school, or which the principal believes is not part of the educational program
- Implementing a process of mediation or conflict resolution if a student persistently wears inappropriate dress.
- Prevention from continued participation in essential curriculum activities – ONLY when there are reasons of safety.

In matters of uniform, the principal will consider all matters which can impact on the students inability to wear uniform, as set out in the

ACT DET Dress Standards and Colour Codes in Public Schools Policy (2010)