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LITTLE ATHLETICS CENTRE

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We take immense pride in the rich culture and history of our centre, which spans more than five decades. Our traditions and iconic colours form the core of our identity. As we embark on a new chapter, we aim to honour our legacy while creating an invigorated and modern centre uniform.

## Objectives

1. Update the current centre uniform for regional and state competitions.
2. Reinvent our Club Polos and introduce the new uniform for centre meets held every Saturday, aligning with other centres that compete in their centre singlet weekly. We also intend this uniform to be worn during the Winter Cross Country Season.

## Maintaining Traditions

Unlike many centres that have gradually moved away from their club structures, we are committed to preserving our tradition of maintaining four distinct clubs - Blues, Boomerangs, Dolphins and Eagles. These clubs will continue to be represented every Saturday, ensuring our heritage remains intact.

## Our Commitment

We recognise that updating a uniform is a significant change. Throughout this process, we are dedicated to keeping you well-informed and involved in the decision-making. Together, we will determine the best representation of our athletes when they proudly wear their centre and club uniforms.

We value your feedback and encourage you to thoroughly review the proposal. Your opinion is crucial as we take this next step in the evolution of our uniforms. Please take a moment to complete the survey and share your thoughts.

[Complete Survey](#)

## Next Steps

The following pages will detail the proposed changes to our centre uniform, visual representations of the new designs, the implementation process for these changes and our strategies to uphold important traditions.

# PROPOSED UPDATE TO OUR CLUB POLOS WITH NEW DESIGN CENTRE TOPS

We understand that for many families and athletes their club value stretches far beyond a coloured polo shirt. As we move forward, we propose that each club is celebrated through increased activities and initiatives during the season and represented in a modern, stylish way through other elements of the uniform.

If voted by our members, our current centre uniform top will be updated and the new uniform be worn at *centre meets* during the summer season, *regional and state events* and the winter *cross country* season.

Athletes will be able to represent their club by wearing:

- New club shorts (Compulsory)
- Club socks (long and short) (Optional)
- Club colour hair ribbons (Optional)
- Club colour shoe laces. (Optional)

During the initial consultation phase, a sub committee was formed to investigate implementing the new uniform. They have been in consultation with Little Athletics Victoria (LAVic) and various sports apparel companies establishing how we can best continue to represent our centre and clubs in our new look.

They felt that families would appreciate purchasing just one top instead of a club and centre top (as the current requirement), and investigated the possibility of having each club's colour represented on their own centre top. However, after extensive negotiations with LAVic, this change was not permitted as stated in the current [Uniform, Apparel and Merchandise Booklet](#).



Option 1



Option 2



Option 3

# PROPOSED UNIFORM - TOPS

The proposed centre uniform will replace the existing centre uniform currently worn at region and state events (pictured on the front cover).

If voted by families and athletes, the new centre tops will also replace the current club polos and be worn at centre track and field meets during the summer season and cross country rounds during the winter season.

The new tops will be available in a singlet, T-shirt and crop-top. All tops will be available to purchase through the centre.

We intend for this to remove the need for a club and a centre top, reduce overall costs and the need to hire a singlet to represent BMLAC at region and state events.

## PROPOSED PRICING

	UNIFORM ITEM	APPROXIMATE COST
<b>Centre Top</b> (Either Singlet, T-shirt or Crop-top is compulsory)	Singlet	\$36
	T-shirt	\$41
	Crop-top	\$41
<b>Shorts</b>	Club shorts ( <i>Compulsory</i> )	\$25
	Centre shorts ( <i>Optional</i> )	\$25
<b>Additional Club Accessories</b>	Club socks (Long) ( <i>Optional</i> )	\$22
	Club socks (Short) ( <i>Optional</i> )	\$19
	Club accessories (Hair ribbons, shoe laces) ( <i>Optional</i> )	TBA

A 10% discount will be offered on early orders. Further details will be published in the coming weeks.

# PROPOSED UNIFORM - SHORTS

At centre meets athletes will now compete in the new **club shorts** (black short with club colour trim). This will be the main way of identifying each of the 4 clubs.

At cross country meets, athletes will have the choice of wearing either the **club shorts** (black short with club colour trim) or **centre shorts** (plain black).

At all region or state events athletes are required to wear **centre shorts** (plain black).

Both club and centre shorts will be available to purchase through the centre.

## Club shorts

Club shorts - Blues



Club shorts - Boomerangs



Club shorts - Dolphins



Club shorts - Eagles



## Centre shorts



Centre shorts - Unisex



Centre shorts - Girls

For **centre shorts only**, families may also choose to purchase their own black shorts or continue to wear their shorts from the current uniform.

# PROPOSED UNIFORM GUIDE

	Centre Meets	Cross Country Meets	Regions Events	State Events
<b>Centre Singlet</b> (Including Crop and T-Shirt)				
<b>Centre Shorts</b> (Plain black shorts)		 Either		
<b>Club Shorts</b> (Black short with club colour panel)				
<b>Club Socks</b> (Optional)				
<b>Other Club Accessories</b> (Optional) (Hair ribbons, shoe laces)				

## PROPOSED ROLL-OUT TIME LINE

Below is an estimation of the timeline for the design, consultation, production and roll out phases.

Please note this timeline is an estimation only and is subject to change.

TIMELINE	
Uniform sub-committee formation	September 2023
Sub-committee consultation and planning	September 2023 - June 2024
Centre committee and LAVic approval	June - July 2024
Member consultation	July 2024
Pre-order, manufacturing & purchasing	August - September 2024
Uniform roll out	October 2024
Uniform rollover period ends	April 2026



# PROPOSED UNIFORM ROLL OUT STAGES

We intend the uniform will be rolled out in three stages, and is likely to include the following items in each stage.

**Stage 1:** Centre Singlet, Crop-top, T-Shirt, Club Shorts, Centre Shorts, Hoodies.

**Stage 2:** Training Shirts, Leggings, Beanies, Bucket Hat, Club Socks.

**Stage 3:** Centre Polos, Committee Polos.

Please note that these are proposed items only and may be subject to change.



Crop-Top examples

# PROPOSED ROLL OVER PERIOD

We intend for there to be an 18 month roll over period between October 2024 - April 2026. This will include 2 summer seasons and 1 cross country season.

During this time both the:

- Current club polos and proposed new centre uniform may be competed in at centre meets.
- Current centre uniform and the proposed new centre uniform may be competed in at region and state meets.
- The existing black uniform shorts may be worn with new top at centre meets.

All athletes are expected to compete in the full new proposed uniform (top and club shorts) by the commencement of the 2026 cross country season.





## **CURRENT UNIFORM**

The current uniform may still be worn and competed in at centre meets during the rollover period. They may be worn at training and at all club meets when not competing.

The current uniform will continue to be sold at a reduced price while stocks last.

## **SECOND HAND UNIFORMS**

We understand that our athletes are a very different size in Under 14s than when they started in Under 6s. We plan to continue to support families up-sizing their children's uniforms in a cost effective way and obtaining secondhand uniforms where possible.

We intend to continue to support handing down, passing on, and sharing amongst our families. We will also continue to encourage families to utilise the [Bacchus Marsh Little Athletics Buy and Sell](#) Facebook group to purchase second hand uniforms.

# SUPPLIER

To ensure that all affiliated centres are complying with the specifications set out in the competition rules, LAVic have licensed centre uniform suppliers.

We are excited to partner with GameDay Apparel. A Melbourne based company that have the widest range of merchandise and designs to inspire our centre's new look.



T-Shirt examples

# Full Centre Uniform Examples



Option 1 - Centre Uniform example



Option 2 - Centre Uniform example



Option 3 - Centre Uniform example



# Club Uniform Examples



Option 1 Dolphins  
crop/club short example

Option 3 Boomerangs  
singlet/club short example

Option 2 Eagles  
T-shirt/club short example



Option 3 Blues  
T-shirt/club short example

Option 2 Boomerangs  
crop/club short example singlet/club short example



Option 3 Dolphins  
crop/club short example

Option 1 Blues  
T-shirt/club short example

Option 2 Dolphins  
singlet/club short example

# UNIFORM FAQs

**Q:** Will the existing club polo shirt still be worn on Saturdays?

**A:** No. However, our clubs will remain and will be represented by the new club shorts and a range of other club coloured accessories.

**Q:** When will I need to replace my club polo shirt?

**A:** By the conclusion of the 25/26 summer season. Athletes are required to compete in the new uniform from the beginning of the 2026 cross country season.

**Q:** Do I need to buy club shorts?

**A:** Yes. Club shorts are required for summer season track and field meets and are optional for cross country rounds. We expect them to be available in both unisex and girls styles.

**Q:** What is the minimum uniform I have to buy by the end of the roll over period?

**A:** New top and club shorts

**Q:** Can the current black shorts be worn with the new top during the roll over period?

**A:** Yes.

Athletes are required to compete in the club short from the beginning of the 26/27 summer season.

**Q:** Does my child have to wear club accessories (socks, hair ribbons, shoe laces)?

**A:** No, these are optional accessories athletes can wear to further represent their club.

**Q:** How much will it cost?

**A:** Please see the proposed pricing table in the pages above. Families are not expected to purchase a full uniform straight away and may choose to buy the uniform in stages throughout the roll over period.

Every effort has been made to keep costs reasonable and in line with other sports uniforms.

**Q:** Will I be able to get a second hand top and shorts?

**A:** Yes.

We will continue the [Bacchus Marsh Little Athletics Buy and Sell](#) Facebook group. We anticipate there to be some second hand uniforms becoming available on this page by the end of the roll over period.



**Q:** Do I need to buy each of the different style tops?

**A:** No. Athletes can compete in either the singlet, T-shirt or crop-top.

**Q:** Will there be centre hoodies and other uniform items available?

**A:** Yes. We anticipate to introduce optional uniform items such as hoodies as early as possible and training shirts in stage 2 or 3 of the roll out. Timeline confirmation is subject to supplier's production times.

**Q:** If my child competes in region or state events, do I need to buy different shorts to what they wear at centre meets on Saturdays?

**A:** Yes.

The centre short (plain black) must be competed in at region or state events. These can either be the shorts they currently compete in, or you can purchase the centre shorts.





## HAVE YOUR SAY

We welcome all current athletes, families, Life Members, Life Governors and Distinguished Service Members to be involved in deciding the future uniform for our centre.

To share your opinions on the new uniform proposal including style and when a new uniform is worn, we encourage you to click on the survey link below and help us decide on our future. We sincerely thank you for your input and contribution to our centre.

[Complete Survey](#)



