



Uniform Policy

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Gospel Values *Justice and dignity*

Rationale:

At Our Lady Help of Christians School we believe there needs to be guidelines to parents, staff, students on the wearing of school uniform.

By having all students wear a uniform it:

- * *can create a sense of collective and individual pride in students and their identification with the school;*
- * *has the potential to encourage group security;*
- * *can enhance the safety of individual students and groups of students by stipulating particular items for particular activities;*
- * *can prevent turning classrooms and school yard into daily fashion competitions;*
- * *reflects discipline and order within the school environment;*
- * *helps staff to identify visitors to the school.*

Reflective Materials:

- ✓ Our Lady Help of Christians School Vision and Mission statement,
- ✓ Our Lady Help of Christians School SunSmart Policy

Policy Statement:

Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School supports families by insisting that children wear a set uniform that encourages equality. School uniform is not optional, it is compulsory at Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School.

Policy Guidelines:

- The School Community Team, as a sub-committee of the School Advisory Council, help to co-ordinate uniform matters.
- Ensuring the wearing of the official school uniform is the responsibility of the parents, not the children.
- Parents are expected to send a note if the child is out of uniform.
- Staff will check on uniforms at regular intervals.
- A complete list of uniforms is contained in Appendix 1.
- It is the responsibility of the School Community Team to organise suppliers following suitable research.
- School bags and sunglasses are not compulsory but may be ordered.

Policy Realisation:

- Students will wear an affordable, durable uniform to school each day. Refer to Appendix 1.
- Occasionally the school will have alternative arrangements. eg. advertise a casual clothes day.
- Action will be taken if the student is not in uniform and has no explanatory note. parents will be contacted and reminded of the agreed expectations regarding uniform.
- School uniform and Appendix 1 should be publicised or addressed on the newsletter once per term.

Appendix One

School Uniform:



Our school uniform is mainly a unisex uniform, which enables it to be handed down easily from child to child and therefore reduces the overall cost to parents.

School hats must be worn in 1st and 4th term to comply with our SunSmart policy)
School Jumpers must be worn in Terms 2 and 3

Unisex items (boys and girls)

- monogrammed school polo top –short or long sleeved
- navy school shorts **(Term 1 and 4 only)**
- monogrammed navy school tracksuit,
- monogrammed navy polo fleece jacket (1/2 zip jumper or **vest in term 1 and 4 only**)
- white or navy socks
- monogrammed navy school hat- *broad brimmed* (compulsory in terms 1 and 4)
- monogrammed navy school polar fleece beanie
- black shoes/boots.
- sports runners may be worn only on days where Physical Education/Sport.

Girls may also wear blue and white check school dress, with white collar and cuffs-short sleeved in term 1 and 4.

*In terms 2 and 3 girls may wear a school tunic with navy tights. **No school dresses or skirts in terms 2 and 3***

Jewellery- Students may wear only plain sleepers or stud earrings. Students may wear a watch, however no responsibility can be accepted for any loss or damage, should it occur.

Hair- All students with shoulder length hair or longer are required to have it must have it tied back at all times. This can be with scrunchies, ribbons or hair bands (*navy and white check, plain white or plain navy*)

All items of clothing that come to school must be clearly named so that items that stray from their owners can be promptly returned.

Tracksuits and monogrammed windcheaters, polo tops, school bags and cricket hats can be purchased though Beleza, Shop 2, No.24 Doveton Street North, Phone: (03) 5332 4320, Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm, Saturday: CLOSED.

- ✓ *School uniform is not optional, it is compulsory.*
- ✓ *Remember that uniform is the responsibility of the parents, not the children.*
- ✓ *All items of clothing worn to school should be clearly name-tagged.*