



School Uniform Expectations

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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 uniforms.

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 2024 School SunSmart Expectations

Expectation 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.

Expectation Guidelines:

- 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.
- School bags and sunglasses are not compulsory but may be ordered.

Expectation 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 2024 SunSmart Expectations
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/skorts **(Term 1 and 4 only)**
- monogrammed navy school tracksuit,
- monogrammed navy polo fleece jacket (1/2 zip jumper or vest)
- 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.
- sports tops in house colours will be available from Beleza in March 2024

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 skorts in terms 2 and 3***

Footwear- Parents are responsible for ensuring that their child wears a comfortable and practical pair of black shoes or boots. Some shoes may look nice but are not suitable for many activities and may place your child at risk. **NOTE:** Thongs, sandals and canvas slip on style shoes are not permitted as they do not provide sufficient protection. Where students are not wearing appropriate footwear for school activities, the teachers have the right to refuse participation of students in those activities.

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 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.***