



Our Lady Help of Christians Uniform Policy



Rationale:

- A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. A common school uniform addresses issues of equality, health and safety.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Implementation:

- Our Uniform Policy will be under constant review, in consultation with the parent community.
- Our Uniform Policy provides choices for the students, allows for them to safely engage in the varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- Students are expected to wear the correct school uniform items during school hours, while travelling to and from school in public, and when students are on school excursions.
- Summer and Winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms, are prescribed for wearing as designated.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches, are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Extreme hair colors and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
- Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back. Hair accessories need to be in the school colours of blue and/or yellow.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only acceptable headwear are the hats and beanies as provided by our Uniform Shop. In line with our Sunsmart policy, school sunhats must be worn outside from the beginning of September until the end of April.
- Our PFOL operates a Uniform Shop which provides for all uniform needs.
- Used uniforms are gratefully accepted by the school and are provided to families who have difficulty with the purchase of new uniform items.
- Our Uniform Policy will be available to parents on our website and will be regularly brought to the attention of parents via our newsletter.
- All items of uniform are required to be in good condition so as to meet the aims of this policy.

- Children wearing items not consistent with this policy will be issued with a 'Uniform Infringement Notice' by their classroom teacher.
- Repeated infringements will be referred to the Principal.
- Particular uniform items are set on the accompanying Uniform List.
- It is strongly recommended that all items are clearly labelled with the child's name – especially jumpers and other tops. Labels that can be sewn in are most effective.

Evaluation:

Policy reviewed 2017