

Our Lady's Primary School, Surrey Hills 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.

Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

<u>Aims</u>:

- 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:

- This Policy applies to the students of Our Lady's Primary School and is approved by the Parish Education Board (PEB).
- The School Uniform describes the APPROVED items of uniform able to be worn by students in accordance with the Dress Code. The school uniform is approved by the Principal and the Leadership Team in consultation in the PFA (Uniform Sub Committee).
- The School Uniform applies on standard school days, i.e prescribed school days when students attend the standard school program, during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when the students are on excursions, unless otherwise explicitly stated. Nonstandard school days, e.g sports day or other themed days, may be advised by the Principal from time to-time on which occasion an appropriate form of dress will be published by the school.
- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed and are required to be worn.
- Stud earrings and/or sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- On non- standard school days hair designs relevant to the theme of the day may be permitted.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only headwear that is acceptable are Sunsmart hats consistent with our Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside in terms 1 & 4. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- During Term 2 and 3 students may choose to wear the Our Lady's School Beanie. This is the only winter hat permissible.
- It is an expectation that all hair is off the face and where possible tied back if long enough to do so. Hair accessories must be in the school colours of navy/light blue, or white.
- Periodic review of the School Uniform will be coordinated by the PEB/PFA and a Uniform Sub Committee. The Uniform Sub Committee will make recommendations on variations to the school uniform through the PEB/ PFA, to the staff and the Principal. The Principal is to be satisfied that there has been an adequate consultative decision making process implemented prior to approving the recommendations based on the following principles:
 - A. provides a sense of school identity
 - B. provides some choice for the students while promoting equality
 - C. allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities
 - D. caters for the financial constraints of parents
 - E. meets relevant OH&S standards

The approved School Uniform, including details of the uniform items and process for purchase, will be

A. included in the Annual Parents Handbook

B. when amended, phased in /out over a period of time determined by the staff in consultation with the PEB.

Reinforcement of the Dress Code and School Uniform is the responsibility of the staff. Where students refuse to comply with the authorised direction of staff, the school will communicate with parents advising of the requirements.

CHANGE OVER FROM SUMMER TO WINTER UNIFORMS

The summer uniform is worn in Term 1 and Term 4 and the winter uniform is worn in Term 2 and Term 3. There is a two week change over period to support the transition from one uniform to another. Sports uniform is to be worn on the days designated for each class. Year 6 students may wear their Bomber Jackets, which are ordered at the commencement of each year.

Girls Summer Uniform	Boys Summer Uniform
Regulation School Dress Navy Shorts with Shorts/Long sleeve polo top School Windcheater or vest White socks – no labels or sockettes Clean black Shoes School Hat Hair accessories must be in the school colours of navy/light blue, or white.	Regulation Navy shorts with Short/Long Sleeved Blue Polo Top School Windcheater or Vest Navy Socks- no labels or sockettes Clean black Shoes School Hat
Girls Winter Uniform	Boys Winter Uniform
School Jumper School Tunic with Long/Short Sleeve Polo Top Navy Pants School Windcheater or Vest White socks / Navy Tights Clean Black Shoes School Beanie Hair accessories must be in the school colours of navy/light blue, or white.	Navy Pants/Shorts with Long /Short Sleeve Polo Top School Windcheater or Vest Navy Socks - no labels or sockettes Clean Black Shoes School Beanie
Girls Sports Uniform	Boys Sports Uniform
Navy Netball Skirt, Tracksuit Pants, Shorts or Skort with blue polo top School Windcheater or Vest White Ankle Socks - no labels or sockettes Running shoes School Hat	Navy Shorts or Tracksuit Pants with Blue Polo School Windcheater or Vest White Ankle Socks - no labels Running shoes School Hat

This Uniform Policy was last ratified by the Parish Education Board on 29th August 2018

Evaluation: This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle.