



School Uniform and Dress Code Policy

Introduction

It is believed that the wearing of a school uniform at Our Lady of the River School is important because school uniforms:

- Present a united image to the public and can be easily identifiable in the community. It is the single-most visible element of any school
- Assist staff to see if there are any unwelcome visitors within the school environment
- Establish a sense of pride and belonging, purpose and identity among students
- The uniform is non-discriminatory and does not distinguish between students from differing socio-economic backgrounds
- Eliminates competition in dress
- Uniforms are an investment for parents, which requires an initial outlay of money however, it clearly reduces the expense of other clothes that parents may have to purchase
- Assist in the development of good grooming habits in students

Definition

The school uniform is a common set of clothing worn by students which identifies them as students of Our Lady of the River School.

Policy Statement

It is school policy that the school uniform as determined by the School Board will be worn by students each day.

The principal may make an exception to this policy for medical or religious situations or for school spirit or curriculum activities. The principal has the authority to judge a student dress situation not specifically listed in this policy if the situation has the potential to disrupt the education process or school discipline.



Guidelines for Implementation of the Uniform and Dress Code

Uniform Requirements

Our Lady of the River School	
Smart Style / Unisex (Girls & Boys) / Modern / Active Wear Uniform	
OLOR Day Uniform	OLOR Sports Uniform
T-shirt - Unisex (girls & boys) navy blue polo short sleeved top with gold and white in the shoulders and embroidered logo Long Sleeve – Navy polo shirt with embroidered logo Jumper/s - Navy polar fleece jumper with OLOR letters logo and personal choice of name embroidered on the back. - Navy Pull-on Hoodie with OLOR logo and personal choice of name embroidered on the back. Hat – OLOR navy bucket hat with logo. Shoes – brown/black/navy sandals (no socks) Black school shoes or black sandshoes. (no white soles) Boys – socks grey or black (no logos) Girls – socks white (no logos) BOYS Shorts – Grey school shorts, knee length Pants – Grey school pants GIRLS Culottes (skort) – Navy with embroidered logo Winter Tunic – Navy/Royal/Gold winter skirt	T-shirt - Unisex (girls & boys) navy blue polo short sleeved top with gold and white in the shoulders and embroidered logo Long Sleeve – Navy polo shirt with embroidered logo Jumper/s - Navy polar fleece jumper with OLOR letters logo and personal choice of name embroidered on the back. - Navy Pull-on Hoodie with OLOR logo and personal choice of name embroidered on the back. Hat – OLOR navy bucket hat with logo. Shoes – sport shoes appropriate for child/ren’s participation in activities. Boys and Girls – white socks (no logo except globe socks) BOYS & GIRLS Tracksuit pants – Navy microfibre tracksuit pants. Shorts – Unisex shorts with embroidered OLOR on the front

Coats / Jackets

- If a jacket or scarf is needed on colder days, a plain navy jacket is able to be worn and a navy or scarf is able to be worn. The jacket is not to be worn without a jumper and both are to be worn outside only.
- A navy beanie may be worn while arriving to school. This is to be replaced by the Our Lady of the River hat whilst on school grounds.

Uniform

- The school uniform should be worn in its entirety for the days allocated for 'Day Uniform' and 'Sports Uniform'. Class teachers will inform parents of the 2 Sports Days each term.
- The OLOR uniform is designed like a corporate uniform. Parents can choose the items their child wears to suit the body temperatures of their child all year round. There is no specific 'winter' or 'summer' uniform, however Day and Sport uniform items are not to be mixed on any given day.
- If a student is unable to wear the uniform or part of the uniform the school requires a written explanation by the parent. This explanation should be given to the class teacher. Parent should understand that it is only on rare occasion that a student would be out of the uniform.
- Uniforms are to be kept tidy at all times e.g. no graffiti, torn seams, hanging threads etc.
- Students must wear the correct uniform as indicated in order to participate in off-site school activities e.g. excursions, sporting activities etc.
- Hats are to be worn by all students when they are outside (exceptions from class teachers may be made in Terms 2 & 3 if the UV ratings are very low) including but not limited to before and after school, Physical Education lessons, excursions, camps etc.
- The school will endeavour to ensure that the uniform cost is kept at a minimum. The school, where practicable, will stock items of the uniform as well as the selling of second hand uniforms when available.

Health and Hygiene

- The school uniform will be "Sunsmart" by protecting students from the harshness of the sun.
- Students are expected to wear the uniform in a neat and clean manner.
- Students should also wash their hands regularly especially after using the toilet.
- Finger nails to be kept short, well groomed and without coloured polish.

Hair

- Extreme hair styles or hair of an unnatural colour is not permitted.
- Shoulder length or longer hair to be worn up and off the face for all students.
- Students should be aware of the need of health and hygiene requirements including the need to have clean hair tied back off the face.

Jewellery and Make Up

Students are

- permitted to wear a wrist watch
- permitted to wear one set of plain gold or silver studs or sleeper earrings (one in each ear). No stones, symbols or dangling earrings
- permitted to wear one fine chain necklace including a religious symbol to be worn inside clothing
- not allowed to wear any other jewellery.
- not permitted to wear make up or use coloured nail polish
- permitted to wear a medic alert bracelet.

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