

1 Policy

St Oliver Plunkett Catholic Primary School (School) values and promotes the school spirit and pride generated by students wearing correct school uniform and following appropriate grooming standards. Wearing the correct School uniform is a requirement of all students.

Each student contributes to the public presence of the School within the wider community. While wearing the uniform both at School and away from School, all students are expected to uphold the values of the School with pride and dignity.

2 Rationale

Wearing the correct uniform unites the students and contributes to creating a strong sense of community. The uniform promotes consistency and inclusion and uniform items carry the School logo, reinforcing the School Vision and Mission.

Uniform items have been selected for comfort, practicality and 'sun safety', with appropriate consideration also given to durability and affordability.

3 Aims

This policy provides an outline of the School uniform and grooming expectations with the following additional aims:

- To encourage students to develop a sense of personal pride in their own presentation and in the School; and
- To encourage students to take personal responsibility for their appearance and for maintaining their uniform items in good condition.

4 Implementation

Uniform and grooming requirements are presented in **Annexure A**. These expectations apply to normal day time attendance at School, during extra-curricular activities or when representing the School, and when travelling to and from School.

There may be occasions (e.g. if there is a free clothes day or a themed clothes day) where correct uniform is not required. The School will provide formal instruction on these occasions.

All new uniform items are available for purchase from the school supplier, HOZIKOZI Clothing Company. The on-site second-hand uniform shop provides an alternative uniform source. Shop hours and location can be confirmed with the School administration.

Lost property will be collected and held at a location readily accessed by students and parents/carers. Any items that remain unclaimed at the end of each term will be sent to the second-hand uniform shop to be resold, or may be discarded, depending on the article.

5 Roles and Responsibilities

5.1 Role of the School

- Set out clear expectations about uniform and grooming requirements and communicate these expectations to students and parents/carers at the beginning of the school year.
- Support families by allowing uniform changes to be transitioned over a reasonable period of time and by selecting uniform items with appropriate consideration to affordability and durability.

- Provide assistance to students where financial difficulty or other complicating circumstances exist.
- Support the operation of the on site second-hand uniform shop.
- Consider changes to uniform requirements if requested by the parent and student body.

5.2 Role of Students

- At all times wear the correct uniform in the manner consistent with its design and function.
- When wearing the uniform, behave in a manner that is consistent with the values of the School and contribute positively to the image of the School.
- Show respect for themselves and for others when travelling to and from School.

5.3 Role of Parents/Carers

- Notify the School if there is any difficulty meeting uniform or grooming expectations.
- Support the School and the uniform requirements by encouraging students to wear correct uniform items and to maintain high standards of hygiene and personal presentation.
- Ensure that uniform items are marked with the student's name.

6 Review

This policy will be reviewed every 3 years, or earlier at the discretion of the Principal.

7 Related documents

- i. SunSmart Policy, available from the School office, or the online Parent Portal.

Uniform Item	Uniform Requirements	Uniform Requirements
Standard Uniform	School dress or Girls collared shirt with navy culottes	Boys collared shirt with navy shorts style BCS5700
Standard Shoes	Black leather school shoes (entirely black, low heel, lace up or Velcro)	Black leather school shoes (entirely black, low heel, lace up or Velcro)
Socks	School socks (white with school coloured bands) Tights may be worn during winter (Opaque ink navy)	School socks (white with school coloured bands)
Sports Uniform	School polo shirt with logo with navy culottes	School polo shirt with logo with navy shorts style BCS5700
Sports Shoes	Predominantly white or predominately black lace-up or velcro sports shoes (fluorescent coloured /skateboard shoes not permitted)	
Hat	School broad brimmed hat	
Bag	School bag	
Tracksuit	School zip-up tracksuit jacket with logo Navy tracksuit pants	
Swimming	One piece style swimsuit or swim brief with rash shirt	Brief or trunk style swimsuit (Board shorts not permitted) with rash shirt
Representative Sport	The School may provide the student with a competition shirt. It is requested that the shirt be laundered and returned to School following the event.	
Seniors	Year 6 students may be provided with a special Seniors shirt that may substitute for the School polo sports shirt. Year 6 students may be provided with a special Seniors jumper that may substitute for the School zip-up tracksuit jacket with logo	
Jewellery	Leadership badges, a watch (that does not have internet access, irrespective of ability to disable this function), religious medals, and ear sleepers/studs (worn as a pair, one in each ear lobe) are the only designated items of jewellery to be worn. These may need to be removed for safety at sporting events.	
Hair	Hair must be neat and tidy. Hair colours, styles that draw undue attention to the student including lines, patches and patterns cut into the hair are not acceptable. Hairstyles shaved below a blade 2 or sudden gradations in length, are also not acceptable. Shoulder length or long hair must be always tied back. Hair accessories must be the school colours.	
Nails	Nails are to be kept short for general safety and participation in sport. Nail polish, artificial nails and make-up are not permitted while wearing the school uniform.	
Other	Chewing gum or bubble-gum is not permitted while a student is in uniform	
Purchasing Uniform Items	HOSIKOZI CLOTHING COMPANY PTY LTD 349 Riding Road, Balmoral, QLD 4171 Australia Ph (07) 3899 3000, http://www.hosikozi.com.au	

