

UNIFORM

Also see Appearance Guidelines



NCS has a compulsory uniform that is administered with wisdom.

We are a community that seeks to acknowledge Christ's rule over all areas of life. We care for our children and hence, show concern for how they are attired. We want our children to be especially known for the content of their character, not for their clothing. But we also realise that the way in which people dress is a reflection of some aspects of their character and sense of belonging.

Therefore we have approached the area of school clothing with common sense, solidarity and openness. Our uniform could be described as distinctive, relaxed and child-oriented.

We believe

The community as a whole is free to express its **solidarity**.

Modesty is an important attitude of the heart.

Clothing should be **functional**

Clothing has an **aesthetic** quality

Clothing should demonstrate a sense of **stewardship**

Sporting teams need to be **distinctively and uniformly attired**

...therefore

the school uniform is compulsory.

we want clothing to contribute to a whole way of life which serves God and helps others, and which does not seek attention for oneself on the basis of sex appeal, wealth, stylishness or outlandish fashion.

clothing will be comfortable and well suited to the activities of the wearer. This includes offering protection from the sun and from injury.

the uniform will be attractive and complement the beauty of a young person who is focussed on learning in a Christian community and in a beautiful bush land setting. It should be in good repair and worn in a tidy fashion.

we will keep clothing expenses low. It is our intention to make the uniform affordable and readily available to all families.

the sports uniform is compulsory.

Uniform Particulars

The compulsory school wear will consist of items of clothing from the following appropriate lists:

Primary (K-6) Girls

Maroon Polo Shirt

worn with

Tartan Shorts *or* Black Boot Leg Pants

Tartan Dress

Fleecy Maroon V Neck Sweater

or

Knitted Maroon Jumper

or

Zip Up Microfibre Sports Jacket

Primary (K-6) Boys

Maroon Polo Shirt

worn with

Black Cargo Shorts *or* Black Long Cargo Pants *or* Black Microfibre Track Pants

Fleecy Maroon V Neck Sweater

or

Knitted Maroon Jumper

or

Zip Up Microfibre Sports Jacket

Unisex Sport Uniform Years 3-10

(to be worn on designated PE and Sport Days)

(Optional for K-2)

Maroon Polo Shirt

worn with

Black Sports Shorts

and (as an extra, not in lieu of shorts)

Black Microfibre Track Pants

Zip Up Microfibre Sports Jacket

Hats K-10

(worn whilst outdoors during breaks in Terms 1 and 4)

Maroon Broad-brimmed Hat

or

Maroon Sports Cap

Secondary (7-10) Girls

White Cotton Blouse with Tartan Trim

worn with

Tartan Skirt *or* Black Tailored Shorts
or Black Tailored Long Pants

Knitted Maroon Jumper

or

Zip Up Microfibre Sports Jacket

Secondary (7-10) Boys

Striped Cotton Shirt with Maroon Trim

worn with

Black Tailored Shorts *or* Black Tailored Long Pants

Knitted Maroon Jumper

or

Zip Up Microfibre Sports Jacket

SOCKS – NORMAL SCHOOL DAYS + Sport/PE Days

Socks must be plain white only – no stripes, no figures, no logos, no lace etc. When wearing normal school uniform, socks must be worn approximately 10 cm above the top of the shoe (i.e. approx. 10cm of the socks must be showing). Ankle socks may be worn with Sports Uniform only (i.e. they do not rise above the top of the shoe.). Socks must be below the knee cap.

Exception 1: On normal school days (not Sport/PE days) girls and boys who wear plain black long pants may wear plain white or black socks only – no stripes, no figures, no logos. Worn 10cm above the shoe and below the knee cap.

Exception 2: On designated sport days boys and girls may be asked to wear long maroon socks with white stripes purchased from the uniform shop for sports such as soccer, football and hockey. Worn up to the knee cap.

In cold weather girls may wear black stockings / tights in lieu of socks. These must have feet in them.

SHOES - NORMAL SCHOOL DAYS

Shoes must be plain, black, flat and enclosed (i.e. the top of the foot must be covered). These may be leather school shoes or firm joggers – laces, clips or Velcro are satisfactory. Laces will be plain black.

(Shoes such as sandals or gym boots or converse boots or slip-ons or canvas shoes are not acceptable. Leather shoes that only have the toes or front of the foot covered and a strap over the top of the foot are not acceptable.)

SHOES – SPORT / PE DAYS

Mainly white (with white laces / Velcro) or mainly black (with black laces/Velcro) firm joggers will be worn.

(Shoes such as sandals, gym boots, canvas shoes etc are not acceptable on any day – normal or Sport / PE days. Only firm joggers are to be worn for sport.)

NOTES:

- All items (excepts shoes and socks) must be purchased from the Uniform Shop
- Additional items for warmth (not fashion): skivvies, scarves, gloves, beanies and parkas may be worn providing they are in a single school colour and have no logos. These cannot be worn in lieu of sweaters, jumpers or jackets. (There will be some flexibility if an Infants child removes a sweater, jumper or jacket during the day and is wearing a skivvy. All other students will be expected to remove the skivvy.)
- Any additional items of school wear not purchased from the uniform shop must have no obvious brand names or logos, coloured stitching, stripes or studs. They must match the uniform being worn (e.g. a white skivvy or singlet under a white blouse).
- Skirts for secondary girls should be of an acceptable length – no more than 10 cm above the floor when kneeling upright.
- All items of clothing are to be worn in a neat and tidy manner and in line with the Uniform Policy Statement and the Appearance Guidelines.

Years 11 & 12 adjustments to uniform:

Senior students may wear any item of their Junior Secondary uniform.

Senior students may wear school colours mufti one day each week.

Female and Male:

- Any sun hat in school colour(s)
- Maroon shirt/blouse from the NCS uniform shop (with the word "SENIOR" added to school logo)
- Accessories in any school colour or mix of school colours may be worn at any time e.g. scarves, buffs, head bands, belts.
- Dress jacket designed by class with student nickname – may be worn at any time
- Any black pants, shorts or skirt (plain, solid i.e. not faded)
- Skirts may be worn with or without plain black tights or plain black leggings
- Plain black socks
- Same shoes as Yrs 7-10
- Sport uniform: same as Yrs 7-10

UNIFORM APPEARANCE GUIDELINES for Years 11 & 12

- Necklines will be modest (i.e. little, if any, cleavage will be apparent, when upright or when bending)
- Bra straps and other items of underwear will not be visible.
- Leggings may only be worn with a dress / skirt
- Most of the top of the shoulders will be covered (i.e. no singlet or straps or narrow bands over the shoulder)
- Midriff tops will not be worn, nor blouses that bare the skin when bending or reaching.
- Shirts/blouses do not have to be tucked in, but must cover skin when bending or reaching. (When untucked, the shirt/blouse must be of a tailored fit)
- Young men may wear a skirt for cultural reasons after consultation with the Principal and at the Principal's discretion.
- Shorts must be no more than 10cm above the knee.
- Obvious logos on items of clothing must be blackened.
- School colour mufti may be worn one day a week - similar standard of clothing to uniform i.e. not too casual.

IMPLEMENTATION OF UNIFORM GUIDELINES

Principles:

Let's inspire the desire!

"What's inya, not what's onya"

Wearing a uniform is a sign of belonging.

Policing uniform will not become a tail that wags the dog – it must not take on a life of its own. Oversight of uniform wearing needs to be efficient - not time consuming.

Policing of uniform will not create a barrier between staff and students.

Student involvement in arbitrating uniform issues may be helpful.

The compulsory uniform will be tightly monitored by all staff, realising that students tend to "fill the available space"!

Team Leaders have ultimate responsibility for the implementation of proper uniform.

Families who cannot afford school uniforms will be accommodated via the availability of second hand items, subsidies, negotiation etc.

Procedures:

Hats: (To be worn during breaks. Not necessary during wet weather)

All teachers will address the issue of hats in the playground.

1. Students without hats should sit on the back Admin verandah in isolation and without talking during recess and lunchtime.
2. Students without a hat or without a proper hat (even if able to produce a proper hat) will be sent to the back Admin verandah to sit in isolation and without talking for the remainder of a break.
3. Teachers will confiscate unacceptable hats and return at their discretion.

General uniform:

Home class teachers will address issues of uniform with their own class only. Members of the Exec may address any student. All teachers may address issues such as hitched up skirts, undone buttons, rolled up shorts etc. All teachers may confiscate jewellery or direct its removal e.g. for sport. Reminders will be written in Boomerang Books or Organisers.

First infringement

- Gentle reminder by Home Class teacher or Teacher Exec.
- Ask for a note of explanation from the parent.
- If there is **no** parent note, write a message in the child's Organiser or send an email to parent
- If possible, instruct student to remove non-uniform item. Confiscate if necessary.

Pattern of infringements

- Home Class Teacher will inform the Deputy who will contact parents
- If possible, the Deputy will instruct student to remove non-uniform item. Confiscate if necessary.

Defiant infringements

- Home Class teachers will inform the Deputy.
- The Deputy will send any Years 7-12 student home to get changed, if possible. If not possible, the student will be placed on in-school suspension.
- K-6 students will be withdrawn from all recesses and lunchtimes until compliant.
- The issue may be referred to the Board, if needed.