

Wellington Christian School Policy

UNIFORM

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| RANGS Reference | |
| Date of Last Review | October 2022 |
| Board approval required | No |
| Owner | Principal |

RATIONALE

1. The wearing of school uniform:
 - 1.1 allows students to identify with their school community and to state clearly that they belong to, and are loyal to, that community and its Christian principles.
 - 1.2 provides parents with a practical, economical means to appropriately clothe their children for school life.
 - 1.3 reduces the competition and pressure for particular styles of clothing. Different attitudes to the importance of clothing are minimised, and differences in socio-economic backgrounds of school families are made less apparent.
 - 1.4 contributes to the development of self-discipline and good grooming habits in students.
 - 1.5 allows members of the wider community to identify students with our school.
 - 1.6 ensures modest and appropriate dress for students in a Christian School context.

2. BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR PRACTICE

- Commonsense** Uniform should, as far as possible, be practical and easy for students to wear in the various circumstances of school life. There should be an inherent logic in uniform requirements.
- Culture** It is acknowledged that our school wears uniform for four basic reasons: social equalisation; identification with school as a corporate community; practicality and economy; development of positive grooming habits. Strategies should exist which reinforce these cultural mores. Reasons for uniform should be taught to students. Further, strategies should be put in place that reinforce that wearing of uniform correctly is good and is "what we do around here". The Student Code of Conduct identifies the compliant and proud wearing of the school uniform as part of what is expected. "Whatever happens, conduct yourself in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ" (Philippians 1:27)

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| Compliance | Wearing of uniform is expected. Strategies that reinforce and acknowledge compliance should exist. It is acknowledged that some form of systematic reinforcement, monitoring and policing is required. |
| Consistency | Management of uniform, particularly infringements, should be consistent so that uniform quality is maintained. However, any system should have built in provision for "grace" to be shown in certain circumstances. Staff will monitor and manage the maintenance of uniform standards. |
| Consequences | Consequences for infringements should be executable. When appropriate, they should be firm, and should escalate promptly when an attitude of defiance is apparent. |

3. UNIFORM AND GROOMING GUIDELINES

3.1 **Wearing uniform off the school site**

Students wearing uniform off the school site (travelling to and from school, shopping after school, on excursions) are expected to remain in complete uniform and obey all grooming requirements.

3.2 **Uniform changeover dates**

As term dates and uniform requirements vary, parents will be notified in the school newsletter. Summer uniforms will be worn in terms 1 and 4. Winter uniforms will be worn in terms 2 and 3.

3.3 **Interchanging uniform items**

3.3.1 Winter and summer uniform items should not be interchanged

3.3.2 Sports shoes may be brought to school and worn during recess or lunch while playing active games in the playground. These must be changed to correct dress uniform before the start of the next classroom lessons.

3.3.3 Sport and dress uniforms should not be "mixed and matched" except in the following instances:-

(a) tracksuit tops may be worn with dress uniform

(b) dress jumper may be worn with sport uniform in cold weather

3.4 **Size and condition of uniform items**

3.4.1 All uniform items should be of a size appropriate to the wearer. In particular, oversized pullovers and sports shirts are not acceptable.

3.4.2 Uniforms items should be replaced when excessively faded, torn (unless tidily repaired), worn or undersized.

3.5 **Hair**

Students should wear their hair in a clean, neat and tidy manner.

3.5.1 Girls' hair should be tied back if it extends beyond the shoulders.

3.5.2 Boys' hair should be neat, long hair should be tied back.

3.5.3 Fringes should not extend below the eyebrows.

3.5.4 Hair that could fall over the face should be tied back securely.

3.5.5 Extreme hairstyles, including shaved or "number 1", mowhawks, tracks, dreadlocks and extreme undercuts are not acceptable.

3.5.6 Hair should not be coloured to an unnatural colour or pattern.

3.6 **Hair Accessories** (including ribbons and hair elastics) should be discreet and in the colours of navy, green, white or black or matching to hair colour. Scrunchies made from materials with colours matching the uniform (summer or winter as appropriate) can be worn.

- 3.7 **Hats** - The wearing of hats when outside is an important precaution against the incidence of skin cancer.
- 3.7.1 School hats are to be worn for all outside activities all year round for all students. Hats may only be removed when outside to complete specific activities which are impossible to complete wearing a hat, and then only under the specific instruction of the supervising teacher. They should be replaced immediately after the activity is completed.
- 3.7.2 Hats may be removed when under full shade of buildings. Trees do not provide full shade.
- 3.7.3 Hats in poor condition or with writing on the outside or underside of brim will be required to be replaced.
- 3.7.4 Hats should be worn outside for all school activities, even those not requiring the wearing of uniform. Non-uniform hats may be worn when students are out of uniform, but the style is encouraged to provide a level of sun protection equivalent to the school hats. Peaked caps are less effective than wide brimmed hats.
- 3.8 **Jewellery**
- 3.8.1 *Earrings*
Students with pierced ears may wear one pair of plain studs, small sleepers, or small plain hoops in the earlobes, one in each ear. Additional earrings, fancy earrings, or large earrings are not permitted.
Certain physical activities may require the complete removal of earrings for safety reasons.
- 3.8.2 *Rings*
Wearing of rings is discouraged, as safety issues can arise during a variety of school activities.
One signet type ring of particular sentimental significance may be worn by male and female students if necessary.
- 3.8.3 *Necklaces and Chains*
One necklace can be worn and students are encouraged to keep this inside the collar of their uniform.
Necklaces must be appropriately themed for a Christian School. Additional necklaces or large necklaces are not permitted. The School reserves the right to make this judgement.
- 3.8.4 *Body Piercing/Body Art*
This activity is not encouraged by the school. Body piercing ornaments should not be worn while in school uniform.
- 3.8.5 *Other Jewellery Items*
1 bangle/bracelet can be worn
Other than wristwatches, items of jewellery not mentioned in the above should not be worn while in school uniform.
Smart watches are not to be worn while at school. These must be handed in to the office upon arrival at school and collected when dismissed from class at the end of the day.
- 3.9 **Makeup**
- 3.9.1 No makeup is to be worn.
- 3.9.2 Coloured nail polish is not permitted. If worn outside school, coloured nail polish should be removed completely before arriving at school.
- 3.9.3 Nails should be neatly trimmed and false nails are not permitted.
- 3.10 **Sunglasses**
- 3.10.1 The wearing of sunglasses when outside is optional. Students who elect to wear sunglasses should ensure that their glasses comply with AS 1067. Neutral colours such as black or brown are preferred. Sunglasses that attract excessive attention are not acceptable.

3.10.2 Students wearing sunglasses should remove them when talking with other students or staff.

3.11 Jumpers/Pullovers

3.11.1 The polar fleece jumper or sports jacket available from the uniform shop is the only acceptable pullover.

3.12 Additional underwear

Students may choose to wear additional layers of clothing under their school uniform such as thermal underwear. However, these **MUST NOT BE VISIBLE**, unless they are the same colour as the uniform shirt. In particular, t-shirt neckbands and sleeves protruding from sports shirts, or dark coloured and patterns showing through shirts are not acceptable. Sockettes of a colour matching the stockings may be worn inside shoes to provide additional warmth for girls' feet. These also should be unnoticeable.

3.13 Sports shirts

3.13.1 Sports shirts may be worn untucked.

3.13.2 When tracksuit jackets are worn, the sports shirt should not protrude below the tracksuit jacket.

3.14 Style of uniforms

Only the styles available for purchase from the school uniform shop are acceptable.

3.15 Tracksuit pants

Tracksuit pants should be worn zipped up. Wearing these unzipped increases wear and tear on tracksuit pants.

3.16 Girls Socks and stockings - dress uniform

Girls are not permitted to wear both socks and stockings with winter uniform. Refer also to 3.14. No anklets to be worn. Socks must be covering the ankle.

3.17 Boys socks

All socks should properly cover the ankle and be clearly visible above the shoe.

3.18 Sport shoes

Sport shoes should be running shoes, designed for sport ie. Be flexible and support arches. Street/skate shoes are not acceptable.

4. Identification and Ownership

4.1 All uniform items should be clearly and appropriately labeled with the current owner's name. (Printed labels are highly recommended).

4.2 Spot checks will be conducted by staff on a regular basis.

5. Attachments to Uniform Policy

5.1 K-6 Uniform - Boys and Girls

5.2 School Uniform Price List – K-6

| Related Policies & Procedures | Person Responsible |
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WELLINGTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

K-6 SCHOOL UNIFORM DETAILS - GIRLS

Winter

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| Shirt | White Peter Pan collared long sleeved shirt |
| Dress | Black watch tartan pinafore (from Grace's Uniforms) |
| Tie | Black watch tartan winter tie (from Grace's Uniforms) |
| Tights | Navy tights |
| Jumper | Navy polar fleece jumper with logo |
| Jacket | Navy Parker/winter jacket with logo (Optional) |
| Hat | Navy with gold trim hat with logo |
| Shoes | Plain black leather or leather like school shoes that can be polished; NO canvas, boots, colours or logos |

Summer

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| Dress | Green and white striped summer tunic (from Grace's Uniforms) |
| Socks | Short white socks; NO colours or logos; NOT anklet type |
| Jumper | Navy polar fleece jumper with logo |
| Hat | Navy with gold trim hat with logo |
| Shoes | Plain black leather or leather like school shoes that can be polished; NO canvas, boots, colours or logos |

Sport

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| Shirt | Short sleeved white with navy & green polo top with logo |
| Pants | Navy sport shorts with WCS logo |
| | Navy sport track pants (tech fabric) |
| Socks | Short white socks; NO colours or logos; NOT anklet type |
| Jumper | Navy polar fleece jumper with logo |
| Jacket | Navy Track jacket with logo (optional) |
| Hat | Navy with gold trim hat with logo |
| Shoes | White sports shoes (joggers) NO predominate blazes of colour |

Accessories

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| Hair | NO extreme cuts; NO unnatural hair colour; scrunchies/ribbons/bands to be predominately navy or green |
| Jewellery | Watch, one signet ring, one necklace, one bangle/bracelet only |
| Earrings | Small studs or sleeper in ear lobe only |
| School Bag | Navy Backpack with Logo. |

WELLINGTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

K-6 SCHOOL UNIFORM DETAILS - BOYS

Winter

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| Shirt | Long sleeved white shirt |
| Tie | Black watch tartan winter tie (from Grace's Uniforms) |
| Pants | Navy long pants |
| Socks | Short navy socks |
| Jumper | Navy polar fleece jumper with logo |
| Jacket | Navy Parker/winter jacket with logo (Optional) |
| Hat | Navy with gold trim hat with logo |
| Shoes | Plain black leather or leather like school shoes that can be polished; NO canvas, boots, colours or logos |

Summer

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| Shirt | Short sleeved white polo top with logo |
| Pants | Navy Cargo summer shorts |
| Socks | Short navy socks |
| Jumper | Navy polar fleece jumper with logo |
| Hat | Navy with gold trim hat with logo |
| Shoes | Plain black leather or leather like school shoes that can be polished; NO canvas, boots, colours or logos |

Sport

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| Shirt | Short sleeved white with navy & green polo top with logo |
| Pants | Navy sport shorts with WCS logo |
| | Navy sport track pants (tech fabric) |
| Socks | Short white socks; NO colours or logos; NOT anklet type |
| Jumper | Navy polar fleece jumper with logo |
| Jacket | Navy track jacket with logo (optional) |
| Hat | Navy with gold trim hat with logo |
| Shoes | White sports shoes (joggers) NO predominate blazes of colour |

Accessories

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| Hair | NO extreme cuts; NO unnatural hair colour |
| Jewellery | Watch, one signet ring (or equivalent), one necklace only. |
| Earrings | Small stud or sleeper in ear lobe only. |
| School Bag | Navy Backpack with Logo. |

School Uniform Price List 2022

| Uniform Item | Price |
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| Navy (gold trim) bucket hat with Logo . Sizes XS/S, S/M, M/L, L/XL | \$17.00 |
| White and green sport shirt with Logo Sizes 4-16 | \$28.00 |
| Navy sport shorts (tech fabric) with Logo Sizes 2-16 | \$19.00 |
| Navy sport track pants (tech fabric) Sizes 2-16 | \$28.00 |
| Optional: navy track jacket with Logo Sizes 4-16 | \$39.00 |
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| Girls green and white striped summer tunic. Sizes 4-6 | \$55.00 |
| Optional: Girls navy skort. Sizes 4-16 Sizes 4-16 | \$20.00 |
| Girls white summer socks Sizes 9-12,13-3, 2-8 | \$4.00 |
| Boys navy summer shorts Sizes 4-16 | \$20.00 |
| Boys white summer polo shirt with Logo Sizes 2-16 | \$23.00 |
| Boys navy summer socks Sizes 9-12,13-3, 2-8 | \$4.00 |
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| Girls black watch tartan winter tunic. Sizes 4-16 | \$60.00 |
| Girls white peter pan winter shirt Sizes 4-22 | \$22.00 |
| Optional: Girls navy pleat trousers sizes 4-16 | \$18.00 |
| Girls navy thick tights Sizes 4-6, 7-10, 11-14 | \$11.00/pair |
| Boys navy winter pants Sizes 4-16 | \$21.00 |
| Boys long sleeve white winter shirt Sizes 4-22 | \$21.00 |
| Black watch tartan winter tie (boys & girls) | \$28.00 |
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| Navy polar fleece jumper with Logo Sizes 4-16 | \$30.00 |
| Optional: Navy parker/winter jacket with Logo Sizes 2-16 | \$44.00 |
| WCS school bag with Logo | \$39.00 |