

Orana Heights Public School

Uniform Guidelines



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 respect in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of our uniform guidelines.

Guidelines:

- Correct uniform must always be worn by students, unless advised otherwise. Where practical uniform is to be neat, clean and in good repair.
- Uniforms are designed and reviewed by the P&C at appropriate times to support student needs and reflect supply and demand of the school community. This may include discontinuation and/or addition of items.
- Teachers can contact parent/caregiver should there be a concern with clothing, or items worn to school.

Aims:

- 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 the school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.
- To promote safety with all items worn as a part of the school's uniform.

Implementation:

- The uniform policy applies during school hours, when students are on excursions and/or when representing the school for functions and sport.
- Summer and winter uniforms as well as sports uniforms have been agreed upon and are required to be worn. Fabrics with a sun safe factor rating are used. The uniform items are designed to be interchangeable for individual needs and practicality.
- To promote safety and equity, stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery with the exception of medic alert bracelets or medic alert necklaces. Smart watches are prohibited as per *DoE Students' Use of Mobile Phones in Schools Policy* and *OHPS Students use of Mobile Phones in Schools Management Plan*.
- Make up is not part of school uniform. This includes coloured nail polish and fake fingernails.
- Hair accessories are to be in the school colours of navy, teal and/or white and are not to inhibit the correct wearing of a school hat.
- The only headwear that is acceptable are sun safe hats consistent with our Cancer Council sun safe policy. An exception is the wearing of a religious head covering.
- Brimmed sun safe hats must be worn outside during recess, lunch, sport and any other outside activity. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Appropriate footwear is fully enclosed black shoes. Roller shoes, canvas shoes, sandals and thongs are not permitted.
- P&C Committee will operate the school uniform shop for parents and keep FlexiSchools current with items and pricing. Changes are to be communicated through the school's newsletter.
- The student uniform, including details and places of purchase, will be published in the parent/caregiver Information Handbook, and on the school's website.
- The principal will be responsible for the implementation of the OHPS uniform guidelines, in line with [DoE's uniform policy](#).
- Parents seeking exemptions to the OHPS uniform guidelines due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the principal.

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