



UNIFORM AND PERSONAL PRESENTATION POLICY

1. POLICY STATEMENT

- 1.1 The Whitefriars Catholic School (Whitefriars) we value a cohesive and unified appearance that reflects our strong community spirit. This policy emphasises the importance of consistent presentation among students, prioritising uniform standards over personal preferences. As representatives of our school, students are reminded to adhere to this policy whenever wearing the school uniform.

It is expected that students wear the uniform correctly throughout the school day. This policy is subject to change which includes making occasional adjustments to the uniform requirements, in such cases it will be clearly communicated to the community in advance.

2. UNIFORM

2.1 Formal Uniform

Whitefriars has two formal uniforms; the summer formal uniform is worn in Terms 1 and 4, the winter formal uniform is worn in Terms 2 and 3.

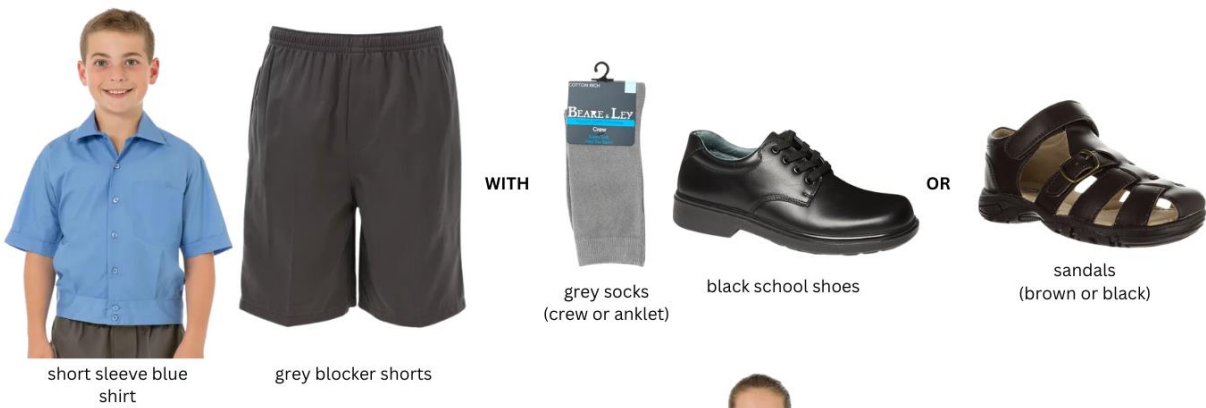
2.1.1. Transition Period

To accommodate the change of seasons, there is a transition period from summer formal uniform to winter formal uniform and vice versa. During this time, students are welcome to wear either the full summer formal uniform or the full winter formal uniform (variations of the two uniforms are not permitted).

- Transitioning from summer to winter school uniform, the transition period is the final 2 weeks of Term 1 and the first 2 weeks of Term 2.
- Transitioning from winter to summer school uniform, the transition period is the final 2 weeks of Term 3 and the first 2 weeks of Term 4.

2.1.2 Summer

- Short sleeve summer check dress, or navy tailored short with navy socks
- Short sleeve blue shirt
- Grey blocker shorts with grey socks
- Whitefriars bucket hat or legionnaires hat
- Black school shoes (refer 2.1.4)
- Black/ brown sandals (refer 2.1.4)
- Whitefriars navy and gold sport jacket



2.1.3 Winter

- Blue tartan tunic (Rec-Yr3), blue tartan skirt (Yr4-6)
- Navy pleat front pants with navy socks or navy tights
- Long sleeve blue shirt, with navy striped tie
- Navy wool jumper (Yr 6 may opt for the Yr 6 Senior Jumper instead)
- Grey blocker pants or grey blocker shorts* with grey socks
- Black school shoes (refer 2.1.4)

*The option to wear grey blocker shorts during Winter will be reviewed in December 2024.



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2.1.4 School Shoes

School shoes must be appropriate for the busyness of classroom and school yard play. A closed toe sandal is preferable for greater protection. Sports shoes must be predominantly white.



Examples of appropriate black school shoes



Examples of appropriate sandals (brown or black)



Examples of appropriate, predominantly white sports shoes

2.2 Sport Uniform

Sport uniform is worn on days where students have Performing Arts and Physical Education lessons. This uniform must not be worn in place of the formal uniforms. Sport uniform items are interchangeable from summer to winter.

2.2.1 Summer or Winter

- Whitefriars short or long sleeve polo top
- Whitefriars shorts, Whitefriars trackpants
- Whitefriars navy and gold sport jacket
- Plain white sports socks
- Whitefriars bucket hat or legionnaires hat
- Predominantly white sports shoes



2.3 Bags

Students require the following items in line with the uniform:

- Whitefriars backpack
- Whitefriars library bag
- Whitefriars excursion bag



Whitefriars backpack



Whitefriars library bag



Whitefriars excursion bag

2.4 Year 6 Senior Jumper

The Year 6 Senior Jumper is an extra offered to Year 6 students, designed and voted on by the students. This jumper is a substitute for both the navy wool jumper and sport jacket. Year 6 students must otherwise comply with the requirements of this policy, wearing the full and correct uniform underneath.

2.5 Beanies

A non-compulsory Whitefriars beanie is available as a fundraiser by the Whitefriars P&F Committee. As beanies are not part of the uniform during school hours, they must not be worn inside the classroom. Beanies may be worn to and from school, during recess and lunch and at after-school sport.



Whitefriars beanie

2.6 Exceptions to the Formal Uniform

2.6.1 Mid-Year Reception Intake

A child who commences Reception in Term 3 or 4 is permitted to wear the sports uniform for the entire duration of those terms. Formal uniform is not required until students begin the new, full year of Reception.

2.6.2 Adjustments

Adjustments for uniforms are permitted in consultation with the Leadership Team.

3. PERSONAL PRESENTATION

3.1 Jewellery

All jewellery worn by students is expected to be discreet. The following items are permitted:

- One set of earrings in the lower ear lobe

- One watch
- One necklace of religious significance
- One bangle of religious significance

3.2 Hair and Grooming

Students must have neat and tidy hairstyles. Hair that is below collar length or falls across the eyes must be tied back. Hair ties, hair bands/ scrunchies, hair clips or ribbons are to be navy blue. Hairstyles are not to be extreme, as deemed by the Principal.

3.3 Presentation

Taking pride in the presentation of the school uniform includes but is not limited to:

- Long sleeve blue shirt tucked in when wearing the formal winter uniform
- Top button done up behind the school tie in winter

3.4 Casual Day Dress Expectations

On occasions where casual clothing is permitted, students are required to dress appropriately, including:

- Tops that cover the shoulders – no singlets or strapless tops
- Appropriate footwear, preferably enclosed shoes (refer 2.1.4)

4. BREACHES OF UNIFORM AND PERSONAL PRESENTATION POLICY

4.1 We understand that incidents can occur, leading to a breach of this policy. Parents/ caregivers should promptly notify their child's teacher in such cases. Where this does not occur, reasonable steps will be taken to address uniform and presentation concerns, which may include (one or all of the following):

- A verbal reminder of the uniform requirements
- The issue of a corrective action letter (refer 6.1)
- A meeting with parents/ caregivers

This will be managed on a case-by-case basis.

5. PURCHASE OF UNIFORM ITEMS

5.1 Uniform Supplier

Whitefriars' uniform supplier is Lowes, located at West Lakes Shopping Centre, 111 West Lakes Boulevard, West Lakes, SA, 5021. Opening hours are the usual trading hours of the Centre. Online uniform orders can also be made through their website – [Lowes Online Uniform Orders](#)

5.2 Second-hand Uniforms

Whitefriars have a Pay It Forward program for second hand uniforms. Whitefriars accepts donated uniform items which are made available beside the Canteen in the Carmelite building. Uniform items may be purchased for a monetary donation to the tin provided. All monies collected go toward supporting families in need to purchase new uniforms. These second-hand uniforms may be accessed before school (8:25-9am) and after school (2:45-3:25pm).

5.3 Front Office

5.3.1 Whitefriars Hats

From time to time, the school's front office will have new hats available for purchase at the same price as Lowes.

5.3.2 Whitefriars Beanies

The Parents & Friends Whitefriars beanies are available for purchase through the school's QKR app.

6. RELATED DOCUMENTS

6.1 [Correct Uniform Required Letter](#)

6.2 [Lowes Online Uniform Orders](#)

7. DOCUMENT CONTROL

Title	Uniform and Personal Presentation Policy
Date Approved	March 2024
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