

UNIFORM DRESS CODE

Charlestown Public School

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Purpose

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 pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety as well as expense are factors that contribute to the establishment of our uniform dress code. The Uniform Dress Code reinforces the School Uniform as prescribed by the P&C Association. All students have the opportunity to access the full range of school activities while wearing a school uniform, including physical activities.

Guidelines

- Correct uniform must be worn at all times by students, unless especially advised.
- A note must be brought from home outlining the reason for being out of uniform and given to the class teacher.
- Teachers to follow up with a note/phone call to parent/caregiver if student is repeatedly out of uniform.

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.

Charlestown Public School Uniform

Summer Uniform

Girls

'A' Line Dress, cotton dacron, brown & white checked and tie, OR

Brown shorts with gold and brown polo shirt

Gold socks

Black school shoes

Boys

Brown shorts

Gold and brown polo shirt

Brown socks

Black school shoes

Winter Uniform

Girls

A' Line Dress, cotton dacron, brown & white checked, tie and stockings OR

Brown long pants

Gold and brown polo shirt

Gold socks

Black school shoes

Brown jacket

Gold skivvy

Boys

Gold and brown polo shirt

Brown long pants

Brown socks

Black school shoes

Brown jacket

Gold skivvy

Sports Uniform

All Students

Gold and brown polo shirt with collar and school badge on pocket.

Sports shoes or joggers (only on sports day)

Girls

Brown shorts

Gold socks

Boys

Brown shorts

Brown socks

School Hats are a requirement of the school uniform.

Implementation

- After consultation with the whole school community, the school has developed a uniform dress code that provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Uniform Dress Code applies during school hours, when students are on excursions and/or when representing the school for functions and sport.
- Uniforms will be prescribed and are required to be worn. Fabrics with a sun safe factor rating are used.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery. Earrings, particularly sleepers, may need to be removed during sport time.

- Hair accessories (head bands, clips, scrunchies) need to be in school colours of yellow, brown or black.
- Make up and/or nail polish is not part of school uniform.
- The only hat that is acceptable is our sun safe school hat consistent with our 'No Hat, No Play' policy. They must be worn outside during recess, lunch, sport and any other outside activity. Hats should not be worn inside.
- Appropriate footwear is fully enclosed black shoes.
- P&C Association will operate a Clothing Pool for parents.
- The student uniform will be published in the parent handbook at the start of each school year. A copy will be available on the school website.
- The Principal will be responsible for the implementation of the uniform dress code.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the uniform due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal.

Out of Uniform days

Our school has an excellent reputation for fund raising for charities and sharing with those in need. To raise these funds we conduct several 'out of uniform' days each year.

It is expected that students follow dress rules for these days in keeping with the tone of the school and with the expectations of the school and the community. To be involved, students need to choose appropriate clothing that suits the school setting as a learning environment and allows for safety. The following suitable clothing allows curriculum requirements to be met.

Suitable Clothing includes:

- T-shirt, shirt, jumper (warm top in winter)
- Jeans/shorts
- Joggers, shoes – sturdy and protective
- Hat or cap

Unsuitable Clothing includes:

- Tops with unacceptable slogans, shoe-string straps, bare midriffs or backless tops
- Sandals without backs, platform/high heel shoes

Anyone wearing unacceptable 'out of uniform' will be sent to a member of the executive. The student's name will be recorded and student will be required to change into suitable clothing provided (school uniform from Clothing Pool) or parents will be contacted to bring suitable clothing. Should the situation warrant it, parents will be called to collect the student and student will be sent home to change.

There is NO compulsion for students to come in 'out of uniform' clothes. If they choose to, they are expected to support the charity and dress according to this dress code.