



UNIFORM POLICY

1. POLICY

Each year the School Board meets to consider the Uniform Policy and makes changes as a result of student, parent/carer and staff feedback. The School Board members, comprising of parents/carers, students and staff, review the policy to ensure the high standard of school uniform is maintained.

The Uniform Policy promotes equity among students, assists in building school and team spirit and enhances the public image of the School. They are all part of the education process and students need to adhere to the school uniform policy. Parents please note with the four year phase out policy for school skirts ending in 2017, as from Term 1 2018 school skirts will not be permitted to be worn across any year group within the school.

2. EXCURSIONS

Unless the teacher-in-charge has sought prior approval from the Principal, students on excursions must wear the school uniform.

3. NO EXCEPTIONS

It is expected that parents/carers will support the school uniform policy. The school uniform shop provides quality clothing at reasonable prices that meet the School's Uniform Policy.

4. ACCEPTANCE

Acceptance of enrolment at Ocean Reef SHS assumes an agreement that the enrolling student will dress within the guidelines of the School Uniform Policy.

5. SANCTIONS

Students who fail to dress according to the school's Uniform Policy, will be counselled and a resolution of their concerns sought. If available, students will be offered clean loan clothing to overcome the immediate problem. Students who are not in school uniform and refuse a loan uniform may be given detention or suspended from school at the Principal's discretion. Students who are referred to the Deputy Principal for school dress infringements may lose their **Good Standing** and a note to this effect will be entered into the student's file. The loss of **Good Standing** is a serious matter and affects a child's ability to attend extracurricular activities.

6. UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Footwear: To comply with health and safety regulations, sneakers or plain enclosed shoes must be worn in all classes.

Physical Education Clothing:

Students must provide a change of clothes for all PE lessons.

Special items of Clothing

Special Programs: Students may wear items of clothing linked to our Specialist Programs

Wet/Cold Weather: School jacket is available for purchase from the Uniform Shop.

Make-up, Jewellery and Accessories: While it is acknowledged that some students will wear make-up, it is to be discreet and natural. Jewellery should comply with Occupational, Safety and Health standards. If a teacher of practical subjects is concerned about safety or hygiene, students will be asked to remove their jewellery or they may not participate. Students may wear fashion accessories such as scarves, waistbands, hats and stockings, as long as they are in colours complimentary to the school uniform (e.g. white or navy).

Articles of clothing (shirts, jumpers, leggings, pants etc), are not considered accessories and therefore should not be worn under the school uniform. All approved school uniform items have a school logo on them.

Hair: In practical classes, for health and safety reasons, students with long hair should have their hair tied back or wear a hairnet.