



MATER DEI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE POLICY



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Mater Dei Catholic Primary School

Student Uniform and Appearance Policy

Rationale

At Mater Dei Catholic Primary School, uniforms have always provided a strong sense of identity and contributed to inclusiveness and equity in our school. Uniforms are also a positive tool in the expression of our individual dignity and integrity. It is an expectation at Mater Dei Catholic Primary School that all teachers and students reflect that dignity in the way they present themselves to the school community. Students will be expected to wear the correct uniform, and are to be supported in this regard by their parents/carers.

Adhering to this policy of wearing the correct uniform assists the school community to:

- Promote a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equity
- Foster the ethos of Catholic schools where all people are treated equally regardless of financial circumstances
- Recognise its student members
- Promote a positive identity of the school within its broader community
- Foster the school as an ordered and safe environment, where students gain an increasing appreciation of positive personal presentation
- Eliminate the risk of peer pressure to wear clothes which might be inappropriate, transitory items of fashion and/or expensive in nature

The general presentation of students is a highly visible and symbolically important component of our school culture. It is also imperative that the responsibility for such be shared amongst students, parents and staff. To this end, there is an expectation of each of the stake holders.

Roles and Responsibilities

Mater Dei Catholic Primary School will:

- Inform parents/carers of the Uniform and Personal Appearance Policy when they enrol their child, in our Information Booklet and the school website
- Seek ongoing support from parents/carers and the school community for the Uniform and Personal Appearance Policy and its implementation, through newsletters, parent meetings, etc.
- Ensure that all students wear the correct uniform and comply with the school's policy in wearing the uniform

- Ensure that parents/carers are informed of days of the week that the school uniform and sports uniform are to be worn
- Inform students and parents/carers that participation in school events, excursions, carnivals, outings or activity is dependent upon the student complying with this policy
- Contact parents/carers if a student regularly defaults on this policy
- Take appropriate measures, if the Mater Dei uniform and appearance policy expectations are continually not met
- Provide access to the uniform shop and inform parents/carers of opening hours
- Where financial issues arise Mater Dei will support families where possible.

Parents/carers will:

- Support the school's Uniform and Personal Appearance Policy as agreed when signing enrolment forms
- Ensure that students dress in the approved school uniform on the required days
- Ensure each student's uniform is clean and in good condition
- Instruct each child to wear the full and correct uniform between home and school at all times
- **Clearly and permanently mark all clothing with the child's name**
- Ensure that the sports uniform is worn only on sport day or as otherwise advised
- Remind children that the school hat is worn for all outdoor activities
- Ensure that jewellery is limited to two items of jewellery in line with the Mater Dei Appearance Policy eg watch and signet ring or watch and earrings.
- Ensure that the child's hair is well-groomed in line with the Mater Dei Appearance Policy.

Students will:

- Be aware of the school's Uniform and Personal Appearance Policy
- Take shared responsibility for complying with the required uniform and personal appearance requirements set out below
- Act as positive role models for other students in all aspects of uniform wearing and personal appearance behaviour
- Wear the full and correct uniform at school and between home and school at all times.



Mater Dei Catholic Primary School Student Uniform Requirements

GIRLS (summer) - all available at our school shop except school shoes

Blue and white checked A-line dress with white collar and navy button on tie

Navy ankle socks

Black shoes

Navy blue hat with school logo (must be in reasonable condition ie not tattered or frayed)

BOYS (summer) - all available at our school shop except school shoes

Khaki shorts and shirt

Grey ankle socks (royal/red/royal stripe)

Black shoes

Navy blue hat with school logo (must be in reasonable condition ie not tattered or frayed)

GIRLS (winter) - all available at our school shop except school shoes

Grey pinafore /navy slacks

Blue shirt

Tie (red/royal blue stripe)

Navy jumper V-neck (Royal/red/royal stripe at neck, wrist and bask)

Navy waterproof fleecy lined jacket

Navy stockings or navy ankle socks

Black shoes

BOYS (winter) - all available at our school shop—except school shoes

Grey trousers (serge **NOT** jeans)

Blue shirt|

Tie (red/blue stripe)

Navy jumper V-neck Royal/red/royal stripe at neck, wrist and bask

Grey ankle socks (royal/red/royal stripe)

Navy waterproof fleecy lined jacket

Black shoes or boots

SPORTS UNIFORM (Only Available from our School Shop)

GIRLS

Red polo shirt with school logo

Navy school skirt or navy school shorts

Navy blue and red tracksuit with school logo

Sports shoes & white socks

Branded tracksuit pants and shorts **are not** part of our school uniform and should not be worn **at any time**. School sports uniform is always readily available at most reasonable pricing, to allow families to outfit their children correctly.

BOYS|

Red polo shirt with school logo

Navy school shorts

Navy blue and red tracksuit with school logo

Sports shoes & white socks

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

The Parent's and Friend's Association runs the school clothing store. Order forms are available at the School Office.

Presently the coordinators operate the store on Tuesday and Thursday mornings each week between

8.30—9.30am. Other arrangements can be made by contacting the co-ordinator, Carmen Coates on 0408667075.

The School Office is not directly involved in the supply of uniform items.



Mater Dei Appearance Policy

The appearance policy is an extension of the principles of the Uniform policy

Jewellery

Only two items of jewellery may be worn at one time:

- A wrist watch,
- One ring,
- One bangle or bracelet,
- Girls are permitted to wear one set of small gold or silver studs, limited to one in each earlobe.

Hair – Girls

- Hair is to be tidy and neither grown, cut nor groomed in an extreme or exaggerated fashion.
- Hairstyles should be neat and well groomed.
- Where long enough to be tied back, then it should be tied back, using **small** ribbons, bands or ‘scrunchies, in Mater Dei school colours (navy or red)
- Hair should not obscure the face.
- Hair colour should be the child’s natural colour, no colouring in any form is acceptable

Hair – Boys

- Hair is to be tidy and neither grown nor groomed in an extreme or exaggerated fashion eg shaved heads, steps, layering or patterning are not considered acceptable.
- Hair should not obscure the face.
- Hair should not extend beyond the top of the collar at the back, beyond eyebrows at the front or past the top of the ears.
- Hair colour should be the child’s natural colour, no colouring in any form is acceptable
- No rat-tails or ponytails will be accepted.

Make-up

- Students are not to wear any form of make-up as part of their daily presentation.
- Coloured nail polishes and lipsticks are not permitted.