

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Springfield Lakes

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POLICY
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Dress Code Policy



1. RATIONALE

School uniforms perform several important functions within the overall operation of a school, including:

- fostering a sense of school community and shared mission
- increasing a sense of belonging and engagement
- promoting health and safety and encouraging respect in self and school.

Students in uniform also represent their school and therefore play a central role in the presentation of BCE schools to the broader community. Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School Springfield Lakes recognises that the wearing of the school uniform is an important part of creating a sense of belonging to a community, as well as enjoying a sense of identity for students as part of our school.



2. POLICY STATEMENT

Guided by the school's Mission Statement, Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School encourages students to take pride in themselves and their school identity through the wearing of the approved school uniform. The school uniform endeavours to reflect the Queensland Government SunSmart requirements (Sun safe – sleeves and collars; hat with brim; breathable material, with sun-safe factor rating). The uniform is a smart wearable and practical design – easy for parents and staff to enforce. The colours for the uniform are derived from our school logo and are considerate of the climate at Springfield Lakes. Notably the uniform is affordable for families.

3. PRINCIPLES

In order to meet the Dress Code Principles, the following points need to be considered: -

- **accountability:** school uniforms must be consistent with health and safety considerations, e.g. sun safe, protective clothing, clothing appropriate to curriculum activities.
- **practicality:** school uniforms must contribute to the wellbeing of students by providing adequate protection from the elements and a degree of comfort that allows for full participation in all school activities, including play, sport and other physical and recreational activities.
- **affordability:** attention is given to cost considerations when school uniform options are determined. This includes durability of uniform materials to reduce replacement costs and possible staged introduction of new uniforms. Other strategies include bulk purchasing, clothing pools and second-hand purchase arrangements.
- **equity, diversity and choice:** schools must provide uniform options or modifications, including shorts and pants, in all uniform categories for all students, reflecting the diverse needs of students and supporting student mental health and wellbeing.

- responsiveness: allowance is made for adjustments to the school's student dress code to cater for specific student modifications or exemptions, for example, the wearing of clothing that conforms to the observance of faith.

POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

Uniforms must be in good condition. Full school uniforms (formal or sports) must be worn during school hours and to and from school. On designated occasions, students may be permitted to wear "**free dress**". During "free dress" days, students should wear enclosed footwear, a hat and casual wear which is appropriate for school. This excludes overly expensive, immodest or clothing bearing vulgar or offensive words or graphics and/or unacceptable hair styles (no mullets or tracks).

If students and parents do not adhere to the school's Dress Code Policy, a meeting will be scheduled with the Principal to review the policy, and outline the expectations for both parties. During this meeting, school expectations and potential consequences for non-compliance will be discussed.

If an accident or difficulty prevents the student from wearing the full uniform on any particular day, parents are required to send a note of explanation to the child's class teacher.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Hair

Students are not permitted to dye their hair, it is to be kept its natural colour. **Hair** is to be kept clean, neat and tidy, away from the face and tied back if below the collar in a school coloured hair tie/ribbon/scrunchie (i.e. blue or green). While we allow students to show their individuality, the style should not draw undue attention to themselves. Mullets, tracks and any styles considered to be contrary to the rationale and spirit of Good Shepherd's dress code will not be accepted. As part of establishing the school's dress code, we are bound by hygiene and Workplace Health and Safety policies.

Jewellery

Acceptable forms of jewellery may include one or more of the following:

- A set of earrings; these being plain surgical studs or sleepers worn in the lower ear lobes. One **piercing** per **earlobe** is permitted. Other visible piercings/tattoos are not permitted.
- One **fine necklace**, with the option of a discrete and suitable **religious symbol** may be worn around the neck e.g. a cross or medal.
- No **rings** or **wrist jewellery** allowed, except for a **watch** and medical bracelets.

All jewellery is to be removed by students before playing in school sports teams and before participating in competitive physical educational activities. In general, this would not include Health and Physical Education lessons.

Grooming

Cleanliness and grooming standards are expected to be well-maintained by all students. Students are not permitted to wear nail polish or make-up.

Nail Polish

Learners are not permitted to wear nail polish whilst wearing the Good Shepherd school uniform. If they arrive at school wearing nail polish, they will be asked to remove it using acetone, kept in the office. They will then be asked to wash their hands thoroughly.

The correct uniform, **which is compulsory at all times for all students** is as follows:

Prep Learners Only

- Sports Shirt
- Sports Shorts
- White ankle socks
- Black leather sports shoes
- Bucket Hat – house colours
- School bag (from Lowes)
- School library bag (from Lowes)
- School jumper or tracksuit, for winter



Boys Years 1-6

- Formal Shirt
- Formal Shorts
- White ankle socks
- Black leather sports shoes
- Bucket hat – house colour
- School Bag
- Library Bag
- School Jumper or tracksuit for winter
- Sports shorts and polo shirt (worn one day per week)

Girls Years 1-6

- Formal Blouse
- Formal Culottes
- White ankle socks
- Black leather sports shoes
- Bucket hat – house colour
- School Bag
- Library Bag
- Sports shorts and polo shirt (worn one day per week)
- School Jumper or Tracksuit for winter
- Year 3 to Year 6 Girls may wear the formal dress
- Navy stockings (tights) may be worn under culottes or dresses in winter



Sun Hat

Students are required to wear a school embroidered Bucket Hat whilst moving around school grounds. The school has a *'No hat, no play'* policy. The wearing of sun safe sunglasses is acceptable for outdoor activities.

Labelling

All items brought to school, including clothing and hat, should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

Uniform Purchasing

The school uniform is available to purchase from Lowes, Orion Shopping Centre, Springfield Lakes.