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CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL GLADSTONE

School Uniform Policy

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Policy Statement

Enrolment at Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School includes the wearing of a prescribed school uniform and dress code which positively reflects and promotes the mission and values of our school community.

Description

The wearing of a school uniform fosters a sense of unity, belonging, commitment and shared mission, as well as promoting health and safety and encouraging respect in self and school.

While wearing their school uniform, students are also representing their school and therefore play a central role in the presentation of our school values to the broader community. Our school uniform is a highly visible symbol of who we are, and students are expected to wear the full school uniform neatly and with pride. Issues of equality, diversity, and inclusivity, along with respect for individual dignity will be considered when determining an appropriate dress code for Star of the Sea students.

Implementation

Parents/carers will be made aware of the uniform requirements prior to enrolment acceptance. They will be responsible for ensuring that the uniform is worn in its entirety and is maintained in good repair at all times while their children are at school or involved in school-related activities.

All members of the school community will be provided with regular reminders as to uniform expectations and where to find information regarding our Uniform Policy and Dress Code.

The Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School uniform shall:

- be practical and sensible, taking into consideration the environment in which we are located and the needs of the students;
- be readily available and cost effective for the parents; and
- reflect standards as detailed in the SunSmart Policy and the Workplace, Health & Safety Policy.



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Free Dress Day clothing shall reflect the values of Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School uniform guidelines and the SunSmart Policy and provide suitable coverage for the school setting.

Where there is financial difficulty for parents in providing the prescribed school uniform, parents are invited to discuss practical assistance with the principal.

Parents have a responsibility to ensure students are wearing their uniform as outlined in the Uniform Policy and Dress Code. Teacher's will monitor to ensure this occurs. A student's non-compliance in meeting the standards will be addressed with parents by the teacher. Parents of children who repeatedly depart from wearing the prescribed uniform will be contacted by the principal to discuss means of compliance. Consequences for breach of uniform policy will be at the Principal's discretion.

The Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School Community, through the Principal and School Board, shall be consulted on any proposed alterations to the school uniform. In the event of a change in uniform, there should be a phasing in period of 18 months.

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.

Parents seeking exemptions to the Star of the Sea School Student Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, issues of equity and fairness, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the School Principal who may choose to raise the exemption with the School Board at its next convened meeting.



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Dress Code

HAIRCUTS:

Hair must be kept clean, neat and tidy, and should be maintained in a style that is consistent with community standards and/or not cause undue comment or attention or that will be a disruptive influence in the classroom. The Principal has final discretion in determining suitability of hair style.

- Hairstyles are to be conservative, no excessive hair products
- No colours, perms, streaks, foils, extensions or coloured hair sprays. **No tracks** (including gauge designs, patterns or images cut into the hair). Extreme hairstyles (eg: tracks, spikes, rats tails or mohawks) are not permitted.
- Hair should be cut no shorter than gauge 2
- Hair that reaches the collar should be tied back. All hair ties/clips must be minimal in size and of school colours only (royal or navy blue, yellow or white – or brown/black). Fringes cut or pinned so that they stay out of eyes.

ACCESSORIES:

- A plain chain with Christian symbol/cross/crucifix may be worn inside the shirt.
- No rings, wrist or ankle jewellery allowed, except for a watch (no smart watch features) and medical bracelets.
- Earrings are limited to small traditional gold or silver sleepers or studs (with natural type stones) with only one earring per ear lobe. No makeup or nail polish is to be worn. Fingernails should be trimmed to fingertip length.

SHOES & SOCKS:

All students are to wear black leather lace up or velcro school shoes or black joggers. There is to be no additional colour on the shoe. The shoe is to be low cut at the ankle. White school socks must be worn at all times. The sock must be above the ankle. The correct school sock is available from the school uniform shop.

SPORTS UNIFORM

House Team Sport Shirt (Old shirt permissible until December 2025)

Navy Sports Shorts with SOSG Logo (Old shorts with white logo permissible until December 2025)

All black joggers

White ankle socks

SCHOOL HAT

Blue school hat with full brim and logo



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WINTER UNIFORM

Navy zipper jacket with school logo.

Navy track suit pants.

Navy stockings may be worn under skorts.

FORMAL UNIFORM

Star of the Sea School polo shirt

Navy coloured logo shorts (Option to wear formal navy shorts until December 2025)

Blue pleated skorts **with pleats front and back** (Please ensure length is closer to the knee than to the upper thigh)

Years P to 2 - Option to wear pull up skort if preferred.

Reflection Material

Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School (SOSG) SunSmart Policy

SOSG Mission Statement

CEDR WHS Policy https://os-data-2.s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/rok-catholic-edu-au/bundle6/202103_work_health_and_safety_policy_version_6.1.pdf

SOSG Positive Behaviours Policy

CEDR Enrolment Terms and Conditions



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Our School Uniform

Formal Uniform

- Skorts (pleats front & back) or Navy shorts with coloured logo
- Striped Polo
- Black shoes/ joggers
- White ankle socks
- Boys traditional navy short may be worn but not shorts with white logo



Sports Uniform

- Navy shorts with coloured logo
- Shorts with white logo may be worn but not skorts.
- Sports Team Shirt
- Black shoes/ joggers
- White ankle socks

- Only one piercing per ear - simple stud only
- Hair to be pulled pack in school colours - no tracks, colours etc.
- Only Prep to Year 2 permitted to wear pull up skorts
- No anklets or bracelets

**Please
note**

- **Hats must be in good condition with full brims.**

