

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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Rationale:

The Mater Christi Catholic School uniform is a symbol of our school that helps our students identify with their school and develop a sense of belonging within our community. Wearing the uniform correctly and being well groomed encourages a sense of pride in appearance and demonstrates a commitment towards our community.

Enrolment Commitment:

All parents who enrol their child/ren at Mater Christi agree to uphold our Uniform Policy. As a Catholic School, there is a standard of dress to be maintained. This standard does not always agree with current or fashionable trends in the broader community or society in general. Parents who enrol their child/ren at Mater Christi are responsible for ensuring their child/ren dress in a clean, well-fitting uniform with correct footwear and are well groomed.

Responsibilities:

The way the uniform is worn makes a statement about our school.

Kindy

- Kindy students are able to wear their red Kindy t-shirt (non-compulsory).
 Parents are encouraged to dress their Kindy aged child in non-restrictive and comfortable clothing to allow them to fully engage and participate in the Kindy Program.
- Kindy students are to wear comfortable footwear which they are able to take on and off with minimal assistance (no thongs, slippers).
- Our school follows the Cancer Council's recommendations for a 'No Hat, Play in the Shade' policy where a hat must be worn all year round during recess, lunch time and outdoor activities.

Pre Primary

- Wearing of the sport uniform is compulsory for all Pre Primary students.
- Pre Primary wear their faction t-shirt, shorts or pleated skirt (optional) and predominantly white sport shoes with white "Mater Christi" sport socks.
- Our school follows the Cancer Council's recommendations for a 'No Hat, Play in the Shade' policy where the school hat must be worn all year round during recess, lunch time and outdoor activities.

Years 1 - 6

- Years 1-6 wear their full summer and winter uniforms with black school shoes (lace up or Mary Jane style manufactured by Clarkes, Bata Scouts or Rivers) with school socks purchased from the Uniform Shop. Suede or canvas type shoes are not classified as "school shoes" and therefore not suitable.
- On their sport day/s students wear their sport uniform with predominantly white sport shoes and white "Mater Christi" sport socks.

- Shirts are to be tucked in and shoes kept in good condition, polished and cleaned.
- Dresses and skirts should be sitting just above the knee.
- Our school follows the Cancer Council's recommendations for a 'No Hat, Play in the Shade' policy where the school hat must be worn all year round during recess, lunch time and outdoor activities.

Grooming and Accessories:

- Hair must be neat and styled in a manner in keeping with primary school standards.
- Students with hair longer than collar length are to wear their hair tied back.
- All hair must be clean with fringes above eyebrow length.
- Hair is to be tied back with Navy blue or white elastics, ribbons, scrunchies or headbands (no logos or licensed merchandise).
- 'Fad' haircuts and hairstyles (zig-zag stripes, shaved patches, rat's tails, excessive hair gel and haircuts shorter than a number 2 do not align with our School Policy.
- A simple watch and one pair of plain studs or sleepers (one in each ear) is permitted.
- A cross or religious medal on a gold/silver chain can be worn under clothing.
- All other jewellery (rings, bracelets, bangles etc.) is not to be worn as it poses a hazard in school and sporting activities.
- Makeup and/or nail polish are not part of our school uniform.

All items <u>except</u> sport shoes and school shoes are to be purchased from the school Uniform Shop.

- All items must be clearly labelled with the child's name including surname. Names can fade with washing so please reapply when required.
- Pre owned items need to have the previous owner's name removed before being renamed.
- Children often accidentally pick up wrong items of clothing. Please check that what they are wearing actually belongs to them.
- All children are expected to be in complete and correct school uniform from the beginning of each term.

Uniform Infringement Notice:

Should any child wear the incorrect uniform without written notification from their parent a uniform infringement notice will be sent home by the Classroom Teacher. Should this matter be reoccurring an Assistant Principal will make contact with the parent.

THE UNIFORM SHOP OPENS ON WEDNESDAY 8.00-10.30AM AND 1.30-3.20PM.
ORDERS CAN ALSO BE PLACED ONLINE

Mater Christi School Uniform

Girls Summer Uniform (Terms 1 & 4)

- Summer Dress
- School navy socks with red and yellow stripe.
- Black lace-up school shoes

Boys Summer Uniform (Terms 1 & 4)

- Short sleeve lemon shirt with school crest
- Navy college shorts
- School navy socks with red and yellow stripe
- Black-lace up school shoes

Girls Winter Uniform (Terms 2 & 3)

- Pleated skirt
- Short sleeve lemon shirt with school crest
- Tartan tie (Years 4-6)
- School jumper
 - School navy socks with red and yellow stripe
 - Navy tights (optional)
 - Navy scarf (optional)
- Black lace up school shoes

Boys Winter Uniform (Terms 2 & 3)

- Navy college shorts or navy college trousers
- Short sleeve lemon shirt with school crest
- School jumper
- Tartan tie (Years 4-6)
- Navy scarf (optional)
- School navy socks with red and yellow stripe
- Black lace up school shoes

Girls and Boys Sport Uniform

- Faction t-shirt with school crest
- Blue sport shorts (or sport skirt)
 - Sports briefs must be worn with skirts
- School tracksuit zip up jacket with school logo and tracksuit pants
- White "Mater Christi" sport socks
- Predominantly white runners. Black/coloured runners are not suitable.

Years PP-6 Uniforms

Mater Christi school bag

All Uniforms

Royal blue school 'bucket hat'

Pre-Primary uniform

- Faction t-shirt with school crest
- Blue sport shorts, pleated skirt (optional)
- School tracksuit
- Predominantly white sport shoes with white "Mater Christi" sport socks

Kindy

- Red Mater Christi Kindy t-shirt (optional but practical)
- Hat