

ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



School Uniform Guidelines

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INTRODUCTION:

For a Catholic school community, a student uniform is an important element to:

- Promote a sense of Catholic identity and pride
- Strengthen Catholic school community cohesion
- Enhance student safety, health and wellbeing, and
- Prepare students for the expectations of professional workplaces.

Please note this document is to be read in conjunction with the CECWA Policy Community and the Executive Directive – Student Safety & Wellbeing.

PURPOSE

Assumption's uniform is tangible evidence of the standards expected of students and plays an important role in promoting a positive image of the school. The uniform supports all students to participate fully in school life and helps create a sense of identity and school culture.

Wearing the school uniform is compulsory. Parents indicate their support of the school uniform on their child's enrolment form.

GUIDELINES

The school uniform must be worn appropriately and with pride by students, as per the Student Code of Conduct. This includes during school hours, travelling to and from school, out in the community such as shopping centres and as directed for school functions.

All uniforms, except shoes, are to be purchased through Perm-A-Pleat at 2/76 Reserve Drive, Mandurah.

Second hand purchases must be current uniform items and must have the school crest. All uniform items must adhere to the same guidelines as stipulated in the guidelines above.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Girls and Boys Sport Uniform

Blue school polo shirt and House shirt for House events with school crest.
Blue school shorts with ACPS embroidered on short leg
White school socks with coloured bands
Sport shoes, predominantly white or black (see Appendix 2: Sports Footwear)
School track pant (optional)
School zip-up sports jacket with school crest (optional)

Girls Summer Uniform (worn in Term 1 and Term 4)

School dress (knee length) OR
Assumption formal school shirt with crest and navy formal Assumption shorts
White school socks with bands
Black leather polished formal school shoes (see Appendix 3: Formal School Shoes)

Boys Summer Uniform (worn in Term 1 and Term 4)

Grey Assumption shorts
Assumption formal school shirt with crest
Grey school socks with bands
Black leather polished formal school shoes (see Appendix 3: Formal School Shoes)

Girls Winter Uniform (worn in Term 2 and Term 3)

Assumption formal school shirt with crest and tie
Check winter dress (knee length) OR navy Assumption pants
Check winter skirt (optional - Year Five and Six only)
Formal school jumper with crest
White school socks with bands or grey school tights (leggings are not acceptable)
Black leather polished formal school shoes (see Appendix 3: Formal School Shoes)

Boys Winter Uniform (worn in Term 2 and Term 3)

Grey long school trousers
Grey school socks with bands
Assumption formal school shirt with crest and school tie
Formal school jumper with crest
Black leather polished formal school shoes (see Appendix 3: Formal School Shoes)

OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS

The following items are optional and can be purchased from Perm-A-Pleat Mandurah, with the exception of the Year Six Graduation jackets.

- Pre-Kindy and Kindy students can wear a school t-shirt worn with school shorts if they wish
- Fleece vest with school logo
- Navy blue scarf
- School navy blue bathers with blue inset
- Plain navy blue or black bike shorts may be worn under girls' dresses/ skirts, these must be shorter in length than the dress / skirt
- Year Six students may wear Graduation jackets; if ordered

- School rain jacket:
 - Can be worn to and from school or outside during breaks
 - Not to be worn as a substitute for formal school jumper or sport jacket

GENERAL

- Students are required to wear the correct summer or winter uniform from the beginning of each term. Please note, there is no transition period.
- The top button of the formal shirt is to be buttoned to the collar when the Winter uniform is worn.
- The tie knot must be taut, straight and meet the collar.
- School hats are compulsory all year round in accordance with the Cancer Council guidelines
- School backpacks are compulsory for Pre-Primary to Year Six
- Pre-Primary students wear the sports uniform all year
- On 'Free Dress Days', clothes and footwear need to be appropriate to the occasion and hair must be tied up and off the face

PERSONAL PRESENTATION

Students are expected to show pride in themselves and their school by paying attention to their personal appearance.

- Clothing should be clean and in a good state of repair
- Nail polish, acrylic/gel nails and makeup is not permitted
- Clear lip balm/gloss may be worn

HAIR

Acceptable

- If the hair is longer than the top of the collar, it must be tied back neatly with a hair tie (navy blue, check uniform pattern or House-coloured for House days only)
- Hair must be pinned or styled away from the face
- Hair accessories must be navy blue or school check/plaid only and are limited to:
 - Hair elastics, thin ribbons, small scrunchies, small clips or hair bands
 - When wearing the House-coloured shirt, hair accessories can match the colour of the House shirt. (Block colours only)
- Hairstyles are to be moderate and not extreme
- Only haircuts in No.2 or above are permitted
- Short haircuts must be cut in a gradient and blended (e.g. no undercuts)

Unacceptable Hairstyles

(see Appendix 1: Unacceptable Hair)

JEWELLERY

The only jewellery permitted is

- Wristwatch (Smartwatches are not to be used as per ICT Student Agreement)
- A single religious symbol may be worn on a simple gold/silver chain under clothing

- Rings, bracelets and wristbands are not permitted
- Earrings
 - Small, plain gold/silver sleepers (10mm max.) or round studs – one earring only in the lobe of each ear (no stones, jewels, hoops, hooks or decorative earrings)
 - Students may have one or both earlobes pierced
 - Any other piercings are not permitted
 - Concealing with tape, band-aids, spacers or a clear stud is not permitted

The Leadership Team reserves the right to determine the suitability of an individual's grooming.

Please note: Permission to vary from the uniform guidelines must be sought from the Principal – see below. If these guidelines are not followed, parents will be informed of the uniform issue via a phone call or uniform infringement notice sent through SEQTA. The uniform or personal presentation issue must be corrected by the following school day. The Leadership Team reserves the right to send a student home to rectify their uniform or personal presentation.

Religious and cultural considerations

Some students may wish to observe certain religious and cultural requirements while also complying with Assumption Catholic Primary School uniform. These could include head coverings, clothing lengths, or adornments such as certain jewellery. Parents/carers will need to meet with the Principal, or their delegate, to discuss these requirements to understand the cultural or religious significance, and how this will be accommodated within the uniform.

Student-need considerations

Where a student has a disability or health condition that needs to be accommodated, the Principal, or their delegate, will meet with parents/carers to discuss these requirements to ensure reasonable adjustments are made.

EXEMPTIONS

Families may apply in writing to the Principal for an exemption. Grounds for an exemption will exist when:

- An aspect of the uniform prevents the student from being able to attend the school or participate in other activities on the same terms as other students, or
- The student or the parents/carers can demonstrate issues with accessibility that prevents the ability to comply with the uniform.

Further grounds for exemption may be allowed at the Principal's discretion. Parent and student preference would not be considered an eligible exemption.

DISPUTE & COMPLAINTS

Disputes and complaints will be managed according to the school's Dispute and Complaint Resolution procedure.

APPENDIX 1: UNACCEPTABLE HAIR

Unacceptable hairstyles and accessories

- Claw clips or large bows wider than 12cm
- Hair extensions of any colour
- Hair colouring of any colour not permitted
- No.1 haircuts or chiselled pattern hairstyles are considered extreme
- Hairstyles such as undercuts, dreadlocks, cut outs (tracks), mohawks, rat-tails, mullets are not to be worn
- No hair wraps and or bead/coloured braiding (unless culturally appropriate and at the discretion of the Principal)

FIGURE 1: Non-compliant Hairstyles



APPENDIX 2: SPORTS FOOTWEAR

Acceptable shoes

Sports shoes or joggers must be predominantly black or white in colour. Sport shoes in other colours are not acceptable. Acceptable sports shoes or joggers are those which provide the required support and structure to safely engage in sporting activities.

In consultation with the Leadership Team, teaching staff will deem what is and what is not acceptable, on behalf of the Principal.

Any student or parent who is uncertain regarding the suitability of sports shoes are welcome to consult with the class teacher or administration staff prior to purchase.

FIGURE 1: Acceptable sports shoes



Unacceptable shoes

Flat-soled, canvas, skate shoes, basketball shoes and other 'casual' styles of shoe are not acceptable. These shoes do not provide adequate support to the feet and ankles during a range of physical activity and increase the risk of injury.

FIGURE 2: Unacceptable sports shoes



APPENDIX 3 - FORMAL SCHOOL SHOES

Acceptable shoes

All formal school shoes must be similar to the examples shown below and black in colour. Self-fastening (Velcro) shoes as shown in Figure 1 (a) are acceptable.

FIGURE 1: Acceptable formal school shoes



Unacceptable shoes

Sport-style black shoes (including Nike Air Force Ones) and patent leather shoes are not acceptable.

FIGURE 2: Unacceptable formal school shoes

