



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Ourimbah Public School expects every student to be in school uniform. Parents, staff & students support the school's dress code.

The wearing of school uniforms by students will assist the Ourimbah school community in:

- *defining an identity for the school within its community*
- *developing students' sense of belonging to the school community*
- *providing an opportunity to build school spirit*
- *enhancing the health and safety of students when involved in school activities*
- *promoting a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity*
- *reinforcing the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment*
- *increasing the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school*
- *promoting positive community perceptions of public education*
- *making school clothing more affordable for families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear transiently fashionable and expensive clothes.*

(School Uniforms in New South Wales Government Schools 2004)

DRESS CODE

BOYS	GIRLS
<p>(SUMMER)</p> <p>White short sleeved shirt Grey shorts Short white socks Black 'V' neck sloppy joe Black brimmed hat or bucket hat Black leather shoes Black & White polo shirt with emblem (optional)</p>	<p>(SUMMER)</p> <p>Grey/white/black checked tunic with peter pan collar and black tab White short socks White short socks/grey tights Black 'V' neck sloppy joe Black brimmed hat or bucket hat Black leather shoes Black & white polo shirt with emblem (optional) Grey pleated shorts (optional)</p>
<p>(WINTER)</p> <p>White long sleeve peak collar shirt Long grey serge trousers School tie Black 'V' neck sloppy joe Black zip front fleecy jacket (optional) Black brimmed hat or bucket hat Grey short socks</p>	<p>(WINTER)</p> <p>White long sleeve peak collar shirt Grey serge tailored long pants Grey princess line serge tunic with emblem School Tie White short socks/grey tights Black 'V' neck sloppy joe Black brimmed hat or bucket hat</p>

Black weather jacket Black leather shoes	Black zip front fleecy jacket (optional) Black leather shoes Black weather jacket
(SPORT)	(SPORT)
Coloured polo shirt with house logo Black shorts or black trackpants Black 'V' neck sloppy joe Black brimmed hat or bucket hat White short socks Black joggers	Coloured polo shirt with house logo Black pleated skirt or trackpants Black basketball type shorts (not bike pants) Black 'V' neck sloppy joe White short socks Black brimmed hat or bucket hat Black joggers
<p>The following items are NOT permitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pants with stripes down the side or with brand logos Cargo pants Jeans Long sleeve top under polo shirt Hooded jackets Short shorts Coloured under garments under white shirts 	

HATS

It is school policy that **all** children are to wear black wide brimmed hats for all organised physical education activities and while playing outside at recess and lunchtime. This hat policy is fully supported by the Cancer Foundation as an effective means of protecting students from the harmful effects of over exposure to UV rays. Please support this policy in the interests of your child's long term health. The school uniform shop/canteen stocks hats printed with the school logo. (No caps are allowed.)

JEWELLERY & COSMETICS

Students may wear a watch, a plain ring, one pair only of small standard sized, plain silver, gold or clear studs only or sleeper earrings less than 1.5cm in diameter (**one earring** in each ear). Only a single necklace **or** single bracelet may be worn but it must be a recognised Medic Alert or for religious/cultural reasons.

The wearing of cosmetics is not acceptable. This includes makeup, nail polish, coloured hair sprays and temporary tattoos. Sunscreen, deodorants and clear lip balms are not considered to be cosmetics.

HAIR

Students must ensure that their hair does not create a health or safety risk. Students with long hair (touching collars) are required to tie their hair back at all times. Long hair must be tied back as a preventative measure in avoiding/containing the spread of nits. Hair ribbons, scrunchies and headbands may be black or white only.

FOOTWEAR

Students are required to wear sensible, closed-in, black footwear to school. Thongs, Ugg boots, skate shoes and masseur type thongs are **not** considered to be appropriate footwear. Brightly coloured or fluoro shoes, single tone coloured or decorated shoes are also not acceptable. Black shoe laces only. Should a medical condition necessitate the wearing of any of these, a written note **must** be provided by the parent/medical practitioner. Only plain white or grey ankle socks should be worn/visible, as per the Dress Code itemised above.

OPTIONAL UNIFORM ITEMS

Pleated Shorts – Girls may wear grey pleated shorts, as part of the summer uniform, on all school days except for sport days and those identified as requiring formal uniform (see below). At no time, are leggings/tights to worn under the shorts. Pleated shorts are available through the P&C Uniform Shop.

Polo shirts – Girls and boys may wear the approved black & white polo shirts with school emblem, as part of either summer or winter uniform, on all school days except for sport days and those identified as requiring formal uniform (see below). In summer, the polo shirt can be worn with shorts, and in winter the polo shirt can be worn with long pants, weather permitting. At no time are long sleeves to be worn under the polo shirts. Polo shirts with emblem are available through the P&C Uniform Shop.

There will be events/occasions during the year when the more formal school uniform is required (collared white shirts/tunics etc. – not polo shirts.). It may apply to all students or individual classes, depending on the activity. These include, but are not limited to:

School photos – whole school	Parent assemblies – class presenting
ANZAC Day –whole school	Education Week Assembly – whole school
Year 6 Graduation - Years 3 - 6	School Leader speech day – speech givers

Polo shirts may be worn when representing the school at district level or higher.

Formal uniform will be worn on excursions that will not require physical activity, e.g. debating, visit to council chambers.

Polo shirts may be worn on excursions that include physical activity e.g. day visit to Reptile Park, bike safety.

In each case, the school will notify parents, in advance, of the uniform requirement for each activity.

Formal uniform is appropriate at any time, except sport days. The pleated shorts and polo shirt are OPTIONAL – there is no requirement for parents to purchase them.

UNIFORM PURCHASE

UNIFORM SHOP:	Monday	8.30 am – 9.15 am
	Thursday	2.30 pm – 3.15 pm

****Volunteers required ****

Online orders can be placed via Flexischools at www.flexischools.com.au Uniform order forms are available at the school office or on our website.

Cash or cheque – payable to Ourimbah Public School P&C

Eftpos is also available at Uniform Shop

POLICY DEVELOPMENT and REVIEW

This policy was developed in consultation with staff, students and parents of Ourimbah Public School to accommodate the addition of an optional polo shirt and pleated shorts. The optional additions were in response to a survey in Term 4, 2017 when 212 parents supported their inclusion; 20 parents were against the addition.

During Term 4, 2017, product samples were sourced and the *School Uniforms in NSW Government Schools* guidelines were consulted to ensure compliance with health & safety standards, fitness for purpose and appropriate costing.

In Feb 2018, parents were invited to be part of a focus group to develop the protocols above. Fifteen parents either attended the meeting or sent in written suggestions for consideration.

Principal