



The Oaks Public School

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TOPS Uniform Procedures

Rationale

The Oaks Public School Uniform Procedures should take into account the diverse nature of the student population in the school and not disadvantage any student. Economic, personal, social and cultural factors affecting students and their families must be considered when deciding on items of uniform. Other considerations, such as body shape or religious requirements should be taken into account in making a final decision on the design and fabric of school uniforms.

The Oaks Public School supports the wearing of school uniforms by students and the upholding of high standards of dress by students and staff.

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instills recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists them in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the uniform procedures.

These procedures are consistent with work health and safety, anti-discrimination and equal opportunity legislation. Aspects of the uniform related to safety, e.g. safe footwear, eye protection and hats, will need to be enforced as appropriate.

Aims

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, belonging and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for the school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Guidelines

- Correct uniform, including a school hat, must be worn each day by students, unless specifically advised otherwise. The wearing of hats when outside is an important precaution against the incidence of skin cancer.
- If school uniform is unable to be worn on a particular day a note must be provided by a parent/caregiver outlining the reason for being out of uniform and given to the class teacher.
 - Students must wear the school sports uniform option when representing the school at sporting events.
 - Students must wear the school uniform when representing the school at academic and leadership events
 - Enclosed footwear must be worn at all times.
- As part of their sun protection plan, parents may exercise the option for their children to wear a long sleeved school shirt or long trousers as part of the summer uniform.
- The broad brimmed hat is the preferred option

Additional Items

- Hair accessories should be limited to those that reflect the school colours.
- For safety reasons the wearing of jewellery and other adornments is discouraged at school. Students are encouraged to limit jewellery to a wristwatch and sleeper or stud earrings. Students who wear jewellery to school that is determined to be a safety risk will be asked to remove it.
- Make up should not be worn at school.
- Fake nails and eyelashes should not be worn at school.

Implementation

Responses to students not wearing uniform will be fair and consistent.

Students will not be prevented from participating in essential curriculum activities except where exclusion is necessary for safety reasons. Students who are not wearing a hat will not be permitted to participate in outdoor activities unless they occur under a covered outdoor learning area (COLA).

Teachers will follow up with a note to parent/caregiver if students are repeatedly out of uniform.

Conscientious objection by parents to the wearing of school uniform should be made in writing to the school and will be respected.

Identification and Ownership

All uniform items should be clearly and appropriately labelled with the current owner's name. (Printed labels are highly recommended).

Supplier of School Uniform

Our uniform is easily accessible to all families through the **P&C uniform shop** and clothing pool. Items can be purchased during shop hours or out of hours by contacting the school office or uniform shop co-ordinator via email.

The P&C may provide confidential assistance. This may be in the form of second hand uniforms for the most part and some new items if no second hand items are available. Incidents will be treated on a case by case basis in the strictest confidence. Where any second hand uniform item is unavailable, the P&C may provide up to half the cost of new items. The difference may be paid off over time.

A school uniform price list can be obtained from the office, uniform shop and from the school website.

Evaluation

The school's uniform procedures and school uniform will be reviewed every five years and amended where necessary. Groups within the school community may seek a review with the school when circumstances change significantly or issues arise.

Uniform

Our school uniform is a contemporary design with a choice of options for students. Our uniform is based on our school colours of royal blue and gold. Many uniform items feature our school emblem "Honesty".

A full description of uniform options is available on our website:

https://theoaks-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/doi/sws/schools/t/theoaks-p/uniform-shop/The_Oaks_Public_School_Uniform_2022_Catalogue.pdf

Year 6 Shirts

Year 6 shirts and hoodies will be selected by the students at the beginning of the year and can be worn on any day of the week.

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