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POLICY NAME	Uniform Policy	POLICY OWNER	Headmaster
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Uniform Policy

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. Unless special permission is given by the Headmaster, every child is expected to wear the correct uniform as specified in the School Uniform Lists.

We believe that wearing school uniform:

- Gives a child a sense of belonging and pride in their school
- Supports effective teaching and learning as well as positive behaviour and discipline
- Allows children to attend school and not be confronted by peer pressure to dress in a particular way
- Ensures pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome

Port Regis school uniform is competitively priced, child-friendly and easy to wear.

General Appearance

- All items must be named. A nametape must be sewn on all items and all footwear and accessories must be individually named. The school does not accept responsibility for items that are lost if they are unmarked.
- All uniform must be clean and in good condition. Any child attending school in dirty or shabby clothing will be sent to the Day Room or boarding house to change. Uniform will be replaced if it is deemed necessary.
- Shirts and blouses should always be tucked in and sleeves should be buttoned or neatly rolled up.

Shoes

School uniform shoes should be in good condition and cleaned regularly:

Boys: plain black leather school shoes. No suede or patent leather is allowed, nor coloured stitching or laces.
Girls: plain black leather, traditional school shoes with a low heel (not more than approximately 1"/2.5cms). No suede or patent leather is allowed, nor coloured laces or stitching. Soft ballet-pump type shoes are not allowed.
Trainers: Trainers may only be worn off the sports pitches for medical reasons and with a 'Trainer Pass' issued by the Health Centre. They must be black, not coloured.

Vests

Any vest or thermal under garment that is worn must not be visible.

Coats

- All children should have the School coat for outdoor use.
- Fleece or other home clothes coats or jackets may NOT be worn with uniform.

Scarves, Hats and Gloves

In very cold weather scarves and gloves may be worn outdoors but they must be in navy. A PR woolly hat is available to purchase from the Uniform Shop.

Hair

- Hair should always be neatly brushed or combed.
- When school uniform is worn, girls' shoulder-length (or longer) hair must be fully tied back/up behind (not to the side) and off the face. Hair ties, headbands and scrunchies must be in school colours: maroon, navy or the school tartan.
- Boys' hair should be neat, off the collar and with a short fringe. Unconventional haircuts are not allowed. The school barber visits regularly if a cut is required.
- Hair may not be dyed, streaked, highlighted or otherwise coloured.

Jewellery

- Children may wear a watch, which should be named. Apple watches, or similar, are not allowed.
- Girls with pierced ears must wear a small, plain, gold or silver stud in each ear.
- No other jewellery is allowed apart from a religious crucifix, which may be worn but should not be visible.

Make-up

No make-up or nail varnish may be worn during either the School day or at evenings or weekends. A small amount may be worn by the A and B Form girls on certain occasions, such as School dances, under the supervision of Houseparents.

Home Clothes

- On Wednesday free time and at the weekends after Assembly children can wear home clothes.
- Children should not change into home clothes prior to the start of free time.
- Children should change into home clothes before tuck on a Wednesday. This is not required if returning from an away match after 5pm.
- Houseparents set the standards for what is acceptable, but any member of staff who is uncomfortable with what a child is wearing at any time can ask the child to change.
- No home clothes should have graphics, logos or any slogans that are offensive, tasteless or inappropriate.
- Hats may not be worn in the Dining Room.
- Girls are allowed to wear shorts and short skirts as home clothes, although any member of staff may ask a child to change if clothing is deemed unsuitable. Crop tops, strappy tops and hot pants are not allowed. Bikini tops may be worn only behind Grosvenor for sunbathing.
- Footwear must be worn indoors (except, as appropriate, in boarding houses), particularly in the Dining Room.

Mufti Days

On occasions children are allowed to wear home clothes during the school day eg Mufti days for Charity. Some Mufti days have special themes and on these occasions children are expected to adhere to the theme.

School Visits

- Children must remember that they represent the school when they are on trips and as such they are usually expected to wear School uniform.
- In circumstances where school uniform is deemed unsuitable, House Shirts may be worn or neat and conservative home clothes, at the discretion of the member of staff in charge of the trip. No make-up or nail varnish may be worn on school trips.
- Clothing guidelines for “Expeditions” are entirely at the discretion of the Expedition leaders.

Games Clothes and Match Kit

- Games clothes should be worn as smartly as is reasonable, especially before the start of a School match. Members of staff in charge of games and teams will set the individual requirements.
- Children should change into match kit in the changing rooms after breakfast (often for tournaments), in break (for away matches) or after lunch (for home matches) as appropriate specified by the team coach.
- Pupils are to wear their match tracksuit bottoms over shorts/skort (or school uniform skins as leggings underneath) during academic time – this includes Assemblies.
- Watches must be removed for all sports. Earrings must be removed or covered.
- Aquashorts swimming costumes or swimming briefs in navy must be worn by boys during PE lessons in the pool. Other ‘beach’ types of swimming shorts may be worn during free swims. Girls’ swimming costumes must be one-piece in navy.
- School caps are on the Summer School Uniform list as a compulsory item to be worn when required in hot, sunny weather.
- Other headwear may be worn under certain circumstances at the discretion of the staff in charge. This includes the School woolly hat for tournaments in winter and broad rimmed cricket hats in the summer.
- More detailed guidance of games clothing is provided by the Director of Sport for matches, and the uniform lists specify clothing required for everyday games.

Sanctions

All teaching staff and houseparents continually monitor the dress of the children. Any member of staff concerned about a child’s appearance may seek guidance from the Deputy Head, Pastoral. The following provides the policy on sanctions for incorrect or inappropriate dress:

- Common sense must prevail in the choice of appropriate clothing for School activities at all times. Any member of staff who feels uncomfortable with what a pupil is wearing, or if the pupil is dressed incorrectly, may ask them to change.
- Any hair going beyond the bounds of these guidelines will be required to return to its natural colour and/or a conventional style with any costs being passed on to parents.
- Any uniform deemed shabby, or of unsuitable size, can be replaced with new or secondhand items via the Uniform Shop or Day Room.
- If a pupil continually abuses the dress code, following several warnings, they will be subject to appropriate sanctions. The Deputy Head will monitor this and allocate punishment where necessary.

Gender Equality

- We believe that every child has the right to express their own identity in a way that is most comfortable for them. Whilst this will not affect the majority of pupils, we believe it is important to support those for whom this is a significant matter.

- In line with this, we will consider any request, and make suitable provision for, any pupil who wants to make a choice about the clothes worn at School in relation to their gender identity.
- A final decision will be made only with parental consent and with the Headmaster's approval.