



Queen of Apostles School

Uniform Guidelines

RATIONALE

Queen of Apostles Primary School is a single stream co-educational facility catering for students and their families from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 6. An outward sign of belonging to this community is the wearing of the school uniform that bears the school crest and motto.

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school.

Our school uniform not only provides a sense of belonging and pride of association in students at Queen of Apostles Primary School but also promotes the safety and security of students by allowing for the ready identification of students as belonging to our school. Equality is fostered through this Uniform Policy, common to all students.

The Uniform Policy operates within the guidelines determined by the Catholic Education Office in the Handbook for Catholic Schools.

1. At Queen of Apostles Primary School the obligation of students (K – Yr 6) to wear a uniform is provided for in the contract between parent and school at the time of enrolment.
2. In cases of genuine financial hardship parents / carers may apply for assistance with the supply of a uniform.
3. Should an unusual situation occur when a child is temporarily unable to wear a uniform / or part of one, a note from a parent / carer must accompany the child.
4. The school uniform is available from an external provider located within the school grounds. The external provider will be responsible for returns and replacement of uniform items.
5. Used uniforms are no longer handled by the uniform shop – parents can use the class facebook page to sell/buy items of school uniform.
6. Should changes be made to the Queen of Apostles School uniform, it will be a consultative process between the Principal, School Board, staff and parent body. Final decisions about changes to the school uniform rest with the Principal.

ORGANISATION

Our uniform is a sign of our community and all children in K – Yr 6 are expected to support it. As a result, the follow guidelines must be adhered to;

1. Summer uniform is worn in Terms One and Four, winter uniform in Terms Two and Three. Children are to wear the school sports uniform on the day they have Physical Education or sport.
2. For Kindy and Pre primary students, the sport uniform will be considered their uniform ie yellow crested t-shirt and blue pants/shorts.
3. A short change-over period, usually 2 weeks, is allowed at the beginning of each season. During the changeover period students may wear either the full winter uniform or the full summer uniform, but not a combination of the two.
4. At all times, children are expected to be well presented in their uniform. Uniforms are to be clean, pressed and in good condition. Shoes are to be well-polished and sport shoes kept clean.
5. Students are expected to take pride in their personal appearance and to be neatly attired. Shirts to be tucked in, shorts and skirts are to be worn sitting on the waist. Uniform dresses and skirts are to be worn at or below knee length. Each student is expected to be properly attired in full school uniform whilst at the school, travelling to and from school and when representing the school at external functions and events.
6. For health reasons, when a child's hair is of collar length or longer, it must be tied back off the face. The following regulations also apply to hair;
 1. Hair to be tied back with plain blue or gold hair elastics, ribbons, scrunchies or head bands.
 2. Neither extreme hairstyles nor colours are permitted. Where there is a clear breach of this, parents will be contacted and asked to rectify the situation immediately.
7. It is recommended that no jewellery be worn at school for safety and security reasons. A wristwatch is acceptable. Only one pair of plain sleepers or studs is permitted. A religious symbol on a simple chain may also be worn around the neck. Parents must be aware that these items of jewellery are worn at the owner's risk.
8. Makeup and nail polish is not to be worn.
9. Parents and staff are expected to monitor and maintain the correct wearing of the school uniform and insist on the maintenance of high standards of personal presentation.
10. The school follows the Cancer Foundation's recommendations that the school hat must be worn all year round during recess time and outdoor activities.
11. Students wearing incorrect uniform will be issued with a Uniform Notice.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

GIRLS	BOYS
SUMMER Dress/Skorts with Lemon overblouse shirt Navy ankle length socks Royal blue wide brimmed hat (with school crest) Black shoes with navy school socks Navy sandals (no socks)	SUMMER Grey short sleeved shirt (crest on pocket) Grey school shorts Royal blue socks Royal blue wide brimmed hat (with school crest) Black shoes with navy school socks Navy sandals (no socks)
WINTER / FORMAL Lemon overblouse shirt Navy knitted school jumper/school rain jacket (school crest) Blue trousers Check skirt Navy tights or navy school socks Black lace up school shoes (no sneakers) Optional school scarf (with crest)	WINTER / FORMAL Grey long sleeved or short sleeved shirt Navy knitted school jumper (with crest) Grey trousers Grey socks Black lace up school shoes (no sneakers) Optional school scarf (with crest)

SPORTS UNIFORM – GIRLS & BOYS

Gold polo shirt (with crest)

Faction coloured t-shirt (with crest)

Royal blue microfibre shorts (quick dry fabric)

Royal blue tracksuit (with crest)

White sport ankle socks

Sneakers – predominantly white in colour

Queenies Hat

OTHER UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

1. The royal blue school hat is to be worn whenever students are engaged in activities outside.
2. Students are required to use the Queen of Apostles School bag.
3. All items of the school uniform must be clearly labelled with the student's name.
4. On casual dress days, students are required to dress appropriately for the day's program and activities. Details regarding these activities will be available prior to the event.
5. Students cycling to and from school are required to wear a helmet. These should be secured to the bike and stored in the bike area. Appropriate wet weather clothing would be required.