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OUR LADY OF GRACE SCHOOL

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to articulate the uniform and presentation requirements of students attending Our Lady of Grace School ("OLOG").

Our school uniform and associated dress code supports our students to feel a sense of community, belonging and pride. Pride in our uniform and presentation reflects pride and respect in our school, and together with our school emblem, symbolises our unity and identity as a Catholic Dominican school.

SCOPE

OLOG school uniform policy applies to all OLOG students and is supported by parents, caregivers, and staff. The policy extends to all school activities including out of normal school hours activities and travelling to and from school.

The uniform as displayed in appendix A is mandatory from Term 1 2025.

PRINCIPLES

OLOG uniform will:

- Enable a contemporary reflection of OLOG identity, enhancing a sense of belonging, dignity, and respect.
- Enhance and support the positive reputation of OLOG.
- Be inclusive and support equity for all students.
- Promote smart play encouraging movement and allowing students to focus on learning and play.
- Support health and safety requirements.
- Be affordable for families.

• Be ethically sourced.

REQUIREMENTS

Wearing of the correct uniform, as it is designed to be worn, is a requirement of all students attending OLOG. Additionally, all students are required to adhere to presentation expectations as outlined in the uniform policy and family handbook.

The uniform is designed to be interchangeable, (i.e. there is no specific winter/summer or girl/boy uniform) All uniform items, other than socks and shoes must be purchased from the OLOG uniform shop. No generic alternatives are acceptable.

OLOG is a **sun smart schoo**l and we encourage students to wear hats during the period from 1st Sept to 30th April. OLOG has a **no hat – no play** policy from the start of Week 10 Term 3, through to the end of Term 1.

The following core uniform items are available to be purchased exclusively from the OLOG uniform shop, available via Qkr!:

- · Short & Long sleeve polo shirt
- Sports shorts
- Track pants
- Fleece jacket
- Wet weather jacket
- Hat
- School bag & Library bag

From time to time OLOG may also offer special "in range" uniform accessories which may also be worn with the core uniform as directed.

School shoes, and socks are not sold through the OLOG uniform shop and may be purchased elsewhere. OLOG recommends closed in shoes or sneakers. For safety reasons sandals may not be worn. School shoes and laces must be predominantly of one colour being either white or black, no other colours or fluorescent shades. High top basket ball shoes, street shoes and boots are not permitted.

Socks are to be white crew style (above ankle style) with no visible branding or alternative colours.

Accessories and jewellery are not permitted for both safety and security reasons, however, the following exceptions are permitted:

Earrings:	Small plain studs/sleepers silver or gold only 1 per ear.
Necklaces:	Small chains with religious symbols or medic alert are permitted and must be worn underneath uniform to ensure safety.
Bracelets:	medic alert or religious significance are permitted.
Watches:	May be worn, neutral colours and designs (smart watches –refer to digital policy).
Hair:	If longer than collar length must be tied back for safety. No extreme haircuts, colours or styles, no unnatural colour.
	Hair accessories must be plain navy or yellow.
Make up:	Not permitted.
Nails:	No nail polish or artificial nails.

Parents/caregivers are requested to ensure that a high standard of dress is maintained and that the uniform is not in disrepair.

WEARING INCORRECT UNIFORM/COMPLIANCE

If a student does not wear the correct uniform/ presentation their teacher will initially discuss this with the student and remind them of the correct uniform requirements.

If the non compliance is ongoing or of a more serious nature e.g. safety, the teacher will contact the parent/caregiver in writing, to explain the schools expectations regarding the wearing of the correct school uniform.

If students are unable to wear the school uniform on a particular day because of exceptional circumstances, parents are asked to provide a note to their child's teacher.

RESPONSIBILITY

Students will:

Wear the OLOG uniform as it is designed to be worn in its complete and approved form, at all times.

Maintain a neat, tidy and respectful appearance when representing OLOG.

Parents / Caregivers will:

Ensure their child has all the appropriate uniform items

Actively support their child in wearing the correct uniform with pride.

Communicate any difficulties regarding accessing the uniform or maintaining their child in the correct uniform.

Support the OLOG uniform policy.

OLOG staff will:

Support students to adhere to the OLOG uniform and presentation requirements.

Alert students when the uniform is worn incorrectly or unsafely.

Liaise with parents/caregivers, when required, to support adherence to the OLOG uniform and presentation requirements.

OLOG Leadership will:

Communicate uniform and presentation expectations in a clear, timely and effective manner.

Work closely with staff, students, parents, and caregivers to support them in maintaining the OLOG uniform and presentation requirements.

Monitor the availability and accessibility of uniform items.

Periodically review the OLOG Uniform policy.

APPENDIX A UNIFORM RANGE & EXAMPLE





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