



UNIFORM POLICY

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Uniform Policy

At Chatmore, it is our expectation that all students wear school uniform when attending school, or when participating in school organised events outside of normal school hours.

We ask all parents/carers to support the school uniform code. We believe parents/carers have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and prepared ready for the learning during the day. One of the responsibilities of parents/carers is to ensure their child has the correct uniform, and it is clean and in good repair.

At Chatmore, we believe the uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school
- identifies the students with the school
- makes students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance

ALL STUDENTS:

- Items should be clearly labelled with the child's first and/or last name or initials
- Items left in the lost and found after the term has ended will go into the used uniform allotment
- Refusal to make adjustments to the uniform as requested by a member of staff will result in formal sanctions

Please refer to the school uniform lists for your child's age group so that items can be purchased. Generic items (i.e. socks, khaki bottoms, etc.) can be purchased locally. They must, however, be standard and without modification or unique styling. Blazers, sweaters and vests can also be purchased locally but they must match the school standard. Island Embroidery has our school crest and can add the crest to locally purchased items.

Note the following 'exceptions':

- Female students may wear khaki tunics, khaki shirts or khaki shorts/trousers
- ONLY Senior students can wear multi-coloured polo shirts
- Students with body types that may not fit the standard uniform sizes must have expressed permission from the Director to wear something different from that listed on the uniform order form

Jewellery

On the grounds of health and safety students are permitted to wear limited jewellery at Chatmore.

- One stud earring through each earlobe is permitted, no larger than 5mm in diameter, and any other piercings should be removed or substituted with a clear retainer immediately after piercing when in school uniform. Hoop earrings are not permitted.
- Students can wear wristwatches (but smart watches are not permitted)
- No rings, bracelets or necklaces are to be worn.
- No other piercings are permitted.

Haircuts

- All hair should be worn off the face, and if shoulder length tied back where required in practical lessons. For example, PE, Science etc.
- Subtle enhancement of one's own natural colour is permissible, but no hair extensions, coloured wraps or extremes of style or colour is permitted (blue, bright red etc)
- No durags or head scarves are permitted, unless for religious reasons
- Hair accessories should be modest and match school colours

Cosmetics

- If make-up is obvious, students will be asked to remove it. False eye lashes, extensions and HD eyebrows are not permitted.
- Nails should be plain with only clear polish allowed. We understand that at times students may prepare for events outside of school which will require nail varnish. Permission must be given by the Director for the student to have nail varnish on, otherwise the student will be required to remove it immediately.
- Tattoos must be covered.

Failure to Comply with Uniform Requirements

We will make every effort to conduct uniform checks at the start of the school day, at drop-off. Any non-uniform items will be left with the adult dropping off the child. Please note that Chatmore supports a uniform so that all students are prepared to learn, free from wardrobe distractions. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to adhere to this rule.

Should a child be seen in non-uniform items:

- **First instance:** students will be reminded, and a note will be sent home in the student's planner. The non-uniform items will be removed and kept safe until the end of the day. This will be documented on the student's record.
- **Further instances:** parents will be called, and the student will either have their item confiscated or they will be isolated until the child's parent returns with correct uniform items. Each further instance will be documented on the student's record.
- If there are multiple (i.e. 3+) instances of uniform non-compliance, further sanctions may be applied, including but not limited to detentions.