



Uniform Policy

PREAMBLE

While there is debate in Christian Schools about the value of school uniform, Covenant Christian School has made the decision to have school uniforms. School uniforms are helpful in a number of ways in supporting the school's Vision and Mission:

1. They can be useful in promoting community by reducing competitiveness, particularly in the teenage years.
2. They give an opportunity for students to learn to submit to authority in a safe and nurturing environment.
3. They can encourage students to dress modestly and not draw attention to oneself.
4. They can promote a culture of belonging and identity.
5. They provide an opportunity for students to be identified as Covenant Christian School students.
6. They are helpful in identifying students in out of school activities.
7. They remove the pressure on students and parents to make decisions about what to wear to school.
8. They are robust and suitable for wearing at school activities.

In making decisions about aspects of the uniform the following considerations are to be taken into account:

The uniform should

1. Reflect the nature of the community.
2. Encourage modesty.
3. Be robust enough to stand the rigour of school life.
4. Be aesthetically pleasing and comfortable to wear.
5. Be relatively inexpensive.
6. Be easy to enforce.
7. Reflect the colour scheme of the school.
8. Be easily cleaned.
9. Be flexible enough to respond to different weather conditions.

When dealing with issues of wearing school uniform properly, the school staff need to take into account a number of issues. The Uniform Policy should therefore:

1. Reflect the discipline policy of the school where there is a complex mix of grace, mercy and justice.
2. Be easily managed and avoid the inevitable problems that arise from different staff interpretations of the policy.
3. Take into account significant matters such as physical or mental health issues.
4. Create minimal work for staff in enforcing uniform standards without compromising the intent of the policy.
5. Be easily understood by both parents and students.
6. Encourage a self-motivated submissive yet cheerful response by students.

POLICY

The school uniform is compulsory. Details of the school uniform are available from the school office. Refer to the Acceptable Shoes and Uniform Requirements sheet in Appendix 1 for the whole school uniform. Each class teacher or supervising sport teacher is responsible for administering the uniform

policy in his/her class.

If there is any doubt about whether an item of uniform is acceptable, discuss the matter with the Deputy Principal Pastoral Care or Deputy Principal Junior School.

1. Uniform checking remains the responsibility of all teachers. The critical feature should be CONSISTENCY.
2. All teachers should make a point of observing the uniform. Students out of uniform should bring a note from home explaining the reason. In the Junior School this will be given to the class teacher.
In the Secondary School students out of uniform, with or without a note, should go to the Deputy Principal Pastoral Care who will issue them with a Uniform Pass. Students should not be admitted to class without the Pass if they are out of uniform. The infringement is noted by the Deputy Pastoral Care on Edumate. Frequent offenders without cause will be given a lunch detention. If students continue to offend, the Deputy Pastoral care will contact parents.
3. Students constantly in incorrect uniform despite these measures will receive a detention for disobedience. Students without a required uniform item may be provided with one from the Uniform shop and the item put on the school fees.
4. Random uniform inspections may be held. Students out of uniform at this time will be sent to the Deputy Pastoral Care.
5. If there is any uncertainty about a uniform standard or if a significant problem is encountered, the appropriate Deputy Principal should be advised.
6. The Home Class Teacher and Year Coordinators should be kept aware by Edumate notices of any pastoral issues relating to uniform e.g. hardship, medical concerns etc.

Dress Code for School Fun Days

The main concerns on fun or mufti days are WHS and modesty. The WHS requirements are the same as for practical classes and the playground in general:

- No thongs or slip-on shoes
- No strapless tops or exposed midriffs.
- No transparent or see-through clothing
- Jeans or shorts are acceptable for all students; also dresses for girls which are no shorter than present uniform guidelines
- For Fun Days it is good to consider that students will be participating in activities, so appropriate loose clothing would be best for all students to wear.

Sports Uniform

Only the full and correct uniform for each particular sport shall be acceptable for the student to participate.

Students wearing incorrect uniform will be sent to the appropriate Deputy.

Notes for extenuating circumstances will be received by the Sports Coordinator no later than recess. The Sports Coordinator will sign and date notes for validity. Students will then hand these to supervising teachers.

Swimming costumes shall be one piece and modest.

Acceptable Shoes at Covenant Christian School

School Shoes

- Plain black leather or leather –look shoes to be worn.
- Canvas and suede are unacceptable
- Shoes must cover full instep and be below ankle, that is must not be a boot.
- No soft uppers or punched holes completely through the shoe for safety reasons. ie no skate shoes
- **Boys** - with laces only.
- **Girls** - with heels no higher than 3cm.
 - **K-5** laces or buckles. Year **6-12** laces only
- Must cover the upper surface of the foot.

To meet Work Health and Safety requirements, school shoes must provide physical protection to the foot in case of liquid spills or falling objects. In addition, school shoes must not represent a danger to other students. Consequently, school shoes must be chosen which comply with the uniform policy and standards outlined below. The bridge of the foot must be enclosed and the heels must be of limited height. Hence, school shoes must be lace ups with a maximum heel height of 3cm and platform of 0.5 cm giving the combined height of NO more than (platform & heel) 3.5cm. The shoes pictured on this page represent a sample of shoes which are acceptable.

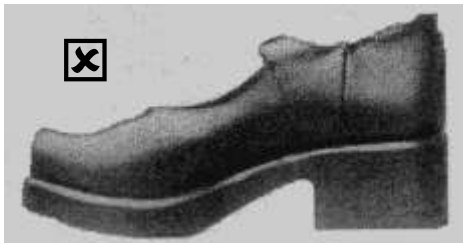
However, Junior School students up to and including Year 5 may wear the softer sneaker-type shoes. As Year 6 and up participate in practical classes in the specialty classroom, in Woodwork, Cooking and Art, the sturdier shoes are required.



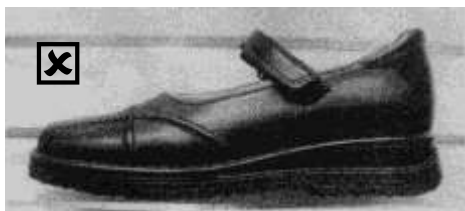
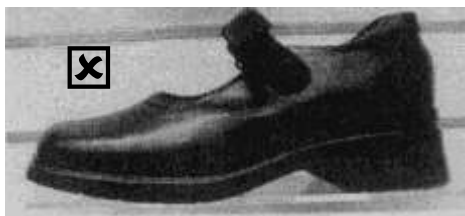
Unacceptable Shoes at Covenant Christian School

The shoes pictured on this page are unacceptable. They are fashion shoes which afford the foot and ankle inadequate protection against spills and injury.

The first two shoes do not offer protection for the top of the foot and the heel is too high. (That is greater than 35mm) The one on the right also has a buckle, which might cause injury to others.



The other remaining unacceptable shoes are examples of those shoes which do not provide adequate protection for the foot. The boys black jogger style shoe is a soft leather upper and the punched holes do not provide adequate protection from spills. Students in K-5 may wear the soft sneaker shoe but Years 6-12 must wear the firm upper with no holes punched.





UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

BOARD POLICY ON THE WEARING OF UNIFORM – The school uniform is compulsory and to be strictly adhered to. Questions or comments about the school uniform should be addressed in writing to the Principal.

JUNIOR SCHOOL (Years K-6)

GIRLS	BOYS
<p>Summer</p> <p>Dress</p> <p>Navy woollen jumper with emblem <i>or</i></p> <p>Navy cotton mix jumper with emblem</p> <p>Ankle length white socks</p> <p><u>Black leather school shoes</u> (K-5: <i>lace-up or buckle</i>) (Yr 6 <i>lace-up</i>)</p> <p>Surf hat or baseball cap with emblem</p>	<p>Summer</p> <p>Mid-blue short sleeved shirt with emblem</p> <p>Mid-grey shorts</p> <p>Navy woollen jumper with emblem <i>or</i> navy cotton mix jumper with emblem</p> <p>Ankle length grey socks</p> <p><u>Black leather school shoes</u> (<i>lace-up</i>)</p> <p>Surf hat or baseball cap with emblem</p>
<p>Winter</p> <p>Pinafore</p> <p>Long sleeved mid-blue blouse</p> <p>Navy stockings <i>or</i> navy ankle length socks</p> <p>Navy woollen jumper with emblem <i>or</i></p> <p>Navy cotton mix jumper with emblem <i>and/or</i></p> <p>Navy jacket with emblem</p> <p><u>Black leather school shoes</u> (K-5: <i>lace-up or buckle</i>) (Yr 6 <i>lace-up</i>)</p> <p>Tie for blouse</p> <p>Navy scarf (<i>optional</i>)</p> <p>Navy gloves (<i>optional</i>)</p>	<p>Winter</p> <p>Mid-blue short sleeved shirt with emblem</p> <p>Mid-grey trousers <i>or</i> shorts</p> <p>Navy woollen jumper with emblem <i>or</i></p> <p>Navy cotton mix jumper with emblem <i>and/or</i></p> <p>Navy jacket with emblem</p> <p>Ankle length grey socks</p> <p>Black belt, if required</p> <p><u>Black leather school shoes</u> (<i>lace-up</i>)</p> <p>Navy scarf (<i>optional</i>)</p> <p>Navy gloves (<i>optional</i>)</p>
<p>Sports Uniform</p> <p>Navy unisex shorts with emblem</p> <p>Polo sports top with emblem</p> <p>School tracksuit (optional)</p> <p>Ankle length white socks</p> <p><u>Non-marking sneakers (navy blue, black or white uppers)</u></p> <p>Surf hat with emblem</p>	<p>Sports Uniform</p> <p>Navy unisex shorts with emblem</p> <p>Polo sports top with emblem</p> <p>School tracksuit (optional)</p> <p>Ankle length white socks</p> <p><u>Non-marking sneakers (navy blue, black or white uppers)</u></p> <p>Surf hat with emblem</p>

NB – there will be some discretion in Junior School with the transition from Summer to Winter uniform due to the inconsistent weather patterns and a desire for children to be comfortable.

SECONDARY SCHOOL – MIDDLE SECTION (Years 7-9)

GIRLS	BOYS
<p>Summer</p> <p>Skirt</p> <p>Mid-blue short sleeved blouse with emblem</p> <p>Navy woollen jumper with emblem <i>or</i> navy cotton mix jumper with emblem <i>and/or</i> navy jacket with emblem</p> <p>Ankle length white socks</p> <p><u>Black leather school shoes</u></p> <p>Baseball cap with emblem or surf hat with emblem</p>	<p>Summer</p> <p>Mid-blue short sleeved shirt with emblem</p> <p>Mid-grey shorts <i>or</i> trousers – worn with black belt</p> <p>Navy woollen jumper with emblem <i>or</i> navy cotton mix jumper with emblem <i>and/or</i> navy jacket with emblem</p> <p>Black belt</p> <p>Ankle length grey socks</p> <p><u>Black leather school shoes</u> (<i>lace-up</i>)</p> <p>Baseball cap with emblem or surf hat with emblem</p>
<p>Winter</p> <p><i>As for the Summer Uniform, except for:</i></p> <p>Navy or black stockings <i>or</i> ankle length navy socks</p> <p>Navy scarf, red or cream (<i>optional</i>)</p> <p>Navy gloves (<i>optional</i>)</p>	<p>Winter</p> <p><i>As for the Summer Uniform, except for:</i></p> <p>Navy, red or cream scarf (<i>optional</i>)</p> <p>Navy gloves (<i>optional</i>)</p>
<p>Sports Uniform</p> <p>Navy unisex shorts with emblem</p> <p>Polo sports top with emblem</p> <p>Ankle length white socks</p> <p><u>Non-marking sneakers (navy blue, black or white uppers)</u></p> <p>School tracksuit (optional)</p> <p>Baseball cap with emblem or surf hat with emblem</p>	<p>Sports Uniform</p> <p>Navy unisex shorts with emblem</p> <p>Polo sports top with emblem</p> <p>Ankle length white socks</p> <p><u>Non-marking sneakers (navy blue, black or white uppers)</u></p> <p>School tracksuit (optional)</p> <p>Baseball cap with emblem or surf hat with emblem</p>

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SECONDARY SCHOOL - SENIOR SECTION (Years 10-12)

<i>GIRLS</i>	<i>BOYS</i>
<p>Summer</p> <p>Skirt</p> <p>White short sleeved blouse with emblem</p> <p>Navy woollen jumper with emblem <i>or</i> navy cotton mix jumper with emblem</p> <p>Ankle length white socks</p> <p><u>Black leather school shoes (lace-up only)</u></p> <p>Baseball cap with emblem <i>or</i> surf hat with emblem</p>	<p>Summer</p> <p>White short sleeved shirt with emblem</p> <p>Mid-grey shorts or trousers – worn with black belt</p> <p>Navy woollen jumper with emblem <i>and/or</i> navy cotton mix jumper with emblem</p> <p>Black belt</p> <p>Ankle length grey socks</p> <p><u>Black leather school shoes (lace-up)</u></p> <p>Baseball cap with emblem <i>or</i> surf hat with emblem</p>
<p>Winter</p> <p><i>As for the Summer Uniform, except for:</i></p> <p>Navy blazer with emblem (<i>to be ordered through Uniform Shop in Term 1</i>)</p> <p>Navy or black stockings <i>or</i> ankle length navy socks</p> <p>Navy, red or cream scarf (<i>optional</i>)</p> <p>Navy gloves (<i>optional</i>)</p>	<p>Winter</p> <p><i>As for the Summer Uniform, except for:</i></p> <p>Navy blazer with emblem (<i>to be ordered through Uniform Shop in Term 1</i>)</p> <p><i>Long Trousers for Year 10-12. No shorts</i></p> <p>School tie</p> <p>Navy, red or cream scarf (<i>optional</i>)</p> <p>Navy gloves (<i>optional</i>)</p>
<p>Sports Uniform</p> <p>Navy unisex shorts with emblem</p> <p>Polo sports top with emblem</p> <p>Ankle length white socks</p> <p><u>Non-marking sneakers (navy blue, black or white uppers)</u></p> <p>School tracksuit (<i>optional</i>)</p> <p>Baseball cap with emblem <i>or</i> surf hat with emblem</p>	<p>Sports Uniform</p> <p>Navy unisex shorts with emblem</p> <p>Polo sports top with emblem</p> <p>Ankle length white socks</p> <p><u>Non-marking sneakers (navy blue, black or white uppers)</u></p> <p>School tracksuit (<i>optional</i>)</p> <p>Baseball cap with emblem <i>or</i> surf hat with emblem</p>

ALL STUDENTS

- School uniform is compulsory and it is expected that the uniform be worn correctly and tidily.
- **All items except school shoes and sneakers and bags must be purchased from the *Uniform Shop*.**
- Shoes should be standard black leather school shoes, low-cut below the ankle. No sneaker look-alikes, suede or desert boots.
 - **Boys** - with laces only.
 - **Girls** - with heels no higher than 3cm. **K-5** laces or buckles. **6-12** laces only.
- Socks must be short and the ankle must be covered. Knee length socks cannot be worn.
- Boys' shorts and trousers should not be baggy and should be worn on the waist.
- Shorts should not extend over the knees.
- Skirts must be no shorter than 8- 12 cm above knees when kneeling.
- Hair
 - Extremes of fashion are not acceptable, including strong streaks, dyes and multiple braids.
 - Boys' hair should not extend over the collar or over the eyes.. long hair should be tied back out of the face
 - Junior School girls' hair should be tied back if it is long and should not cover the eyes. Hair should be tied back by a blue, red or white ribbon or scrunchie, or a black, blue, red or white elastic. (ie the colours found in the school uniform)
 - Secondary girls' hair but must be off the face and hair must be tied back before entering any practical classroom, eg Science, D&T and Food Technology.
- No make-up or coloured nail polish is to be worn.
- Jewellery - Wrist watches may be worn. A single pair of studs in the lobe of the ear is acceptable for girls with pierced ears. Boys may not wear earrings to school. However, Secondary School boys with pierced ears may wear one clear stud. Nose rings or studs are not permitted. Year 11 and 12 students are also permitted a single chain around the neck. This may have a small cross attached.
- Hats – A “no hat, no play” policy applies throughout the whole year for the Junior School. Hats are compulsory for Secondary students in Terms 1 and 4 unless sun block is seen to be applied. We also strongly recommend that all students wear hats during the rest of the year. Hats are compulsory during School Sport where it is safe to wear them.
- Blazers are compulsory for Years 10, 11 and 12 in Terms 2 and 3 and must be worn to and from school. Jumpers may be worn in Terms 1 and 4.
- Shabby or faded clothing will need to be replaced.
- No extra clothing that is visible can be worn, eg T-shirts that show above the neckline of shirts, or designs and logos that show through shirts.
- In keeping with the look of the Senior boys' winter uniform, whenever ties or blazers are worn shirts must be tucked in.
- Shirts and blouses must not be visible below the level of jumpers and blazers.