WHITFORD
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Reviewed: October 2025

Rationale:

It is an expectation that all students at Whitford Catholic Primary School will wear school uniform with care and take pride in themselves and their school.

Principles:

- The uniform will be economical, functional and promote equity and a sense of community among children.
- The uniform will support the ethos of the school and develop a sense of student unity and loyalty to our school.

Acceptance of enrolment:

- Parents are partners in supporting the school uniform policy.
- While students are encouraged to monitor their own wearing of uniform, parents are asked to be vigilant about their children's presentation at all times.
- Families experiencing financial difficulty should contact the school in case of an inability to provide uniforms.

Personal Presentation:

- Students are expected to be well groomed at all times, including when travelling to and from school, during school hours and for designated school events.
- There should be no mixing of the regulation uniform and sports uniform.
- Shirts are required to be tucked in. At recess and lunch it is understandable that shirts may be out whilst playing however these will need to be tucked in when returning to class.
- Rain jackets are not to be worn inside the classroom.
- The wearing of nail polish, makeup and temporary tattoos/body art is not allowed.
- Hair longer than the collar is to be tied back, clean, brushed and kept off the face.
- Hair must be a natural colour only, with extreme hair colours and styles not acceptable. This also includes lines and patterns in hairstyles.
- Free Dress Days will be approved as appropriate by the School Leadership Team. On these days students need to wear clothing that is neat and respectful and suitable to participate safely in the school day.

Accessories:

- Students may wear plain hair ties, clips, scrunchies and hair bands in the school colours of mid to dark blue or white.
- The only jewellery permitted is a watch, one plain single stud or sleeper earring in the ear lobe and a fine necklace with a religious medal to be worn inside shirt/dress. Smart watches must be disabled with no messaging or call capability during the school day. If this is not possible, the same requirements as per mobile phones must be followed and the watches will need to be handed in at the front office at the beginning of the day and collected at the end of the day.
- Hats with the school logo must be worn at all times when the student is outdoors and on excursions. A 'no hat, no play' rule is enforced throughout the year.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Whitford Catholic Primary School will begin the 3-year transition period into the new uniform from Term One, 2023.

From 1st February 2023:

- Uniform items with the yellow logo are not permitted.
- Current Year 4, 5 & 6 students will not be required to purchase any new uniform items (with the exception of any uniform items with the old yellow logo) unless they choose to do so.
- Current Year 1, 2 & 3 students will only replace uniform items when required (with the exception of any uniform items with the old yellow logo) unless they choose to change over earlier.
- Current Pre-Primary students will not be required to purchase the new sports uniform for 2023. They will transition to the new sports and formal uniform as required during the 3-year transition period. All uniform items must have the white school logo.
- Kindy 2022 students will be invited to purchase the new sports uniform to commence Pre-Primary in 2023. They may wear the old sports uniform and transition to the new uniform over a 3-year period.
- No changes for 2023 Pre Kindy and Kindy students.
- Students who are new to WCPS will be required to purchase the new uniform for 2023.

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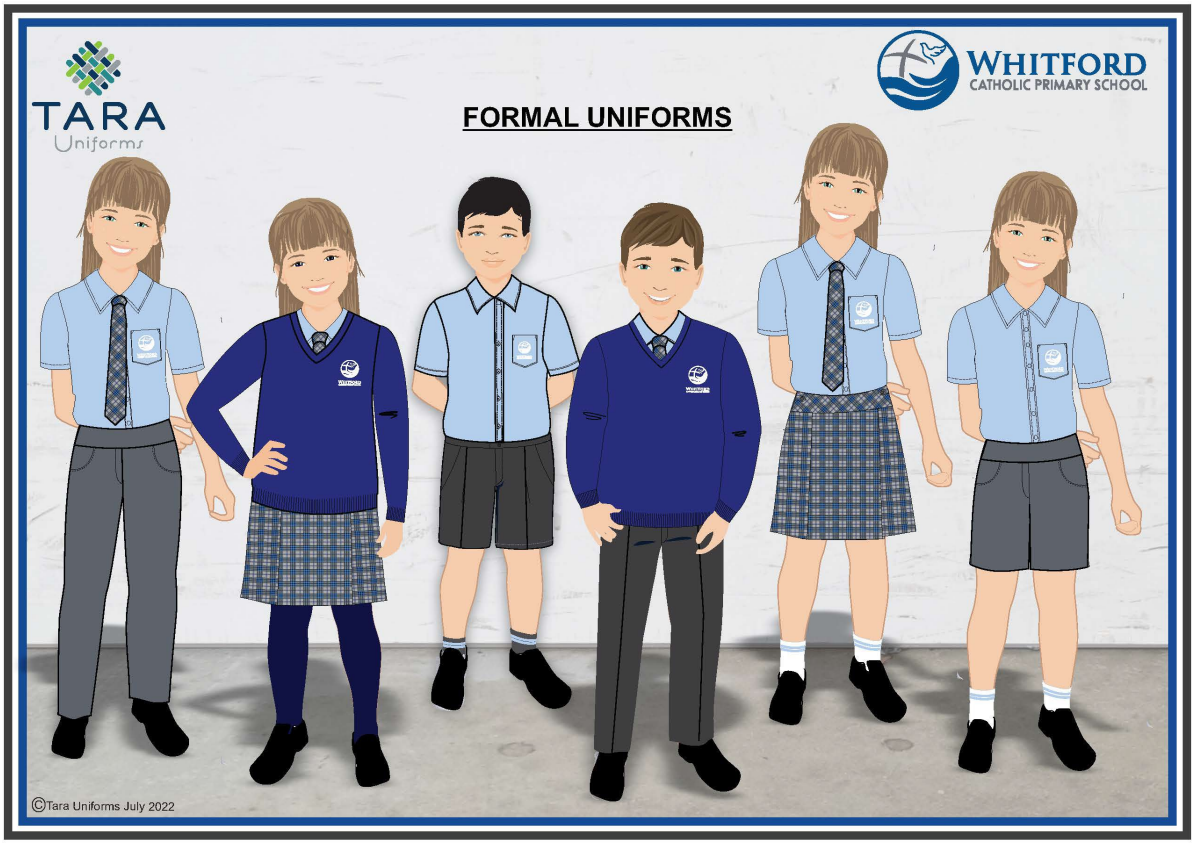
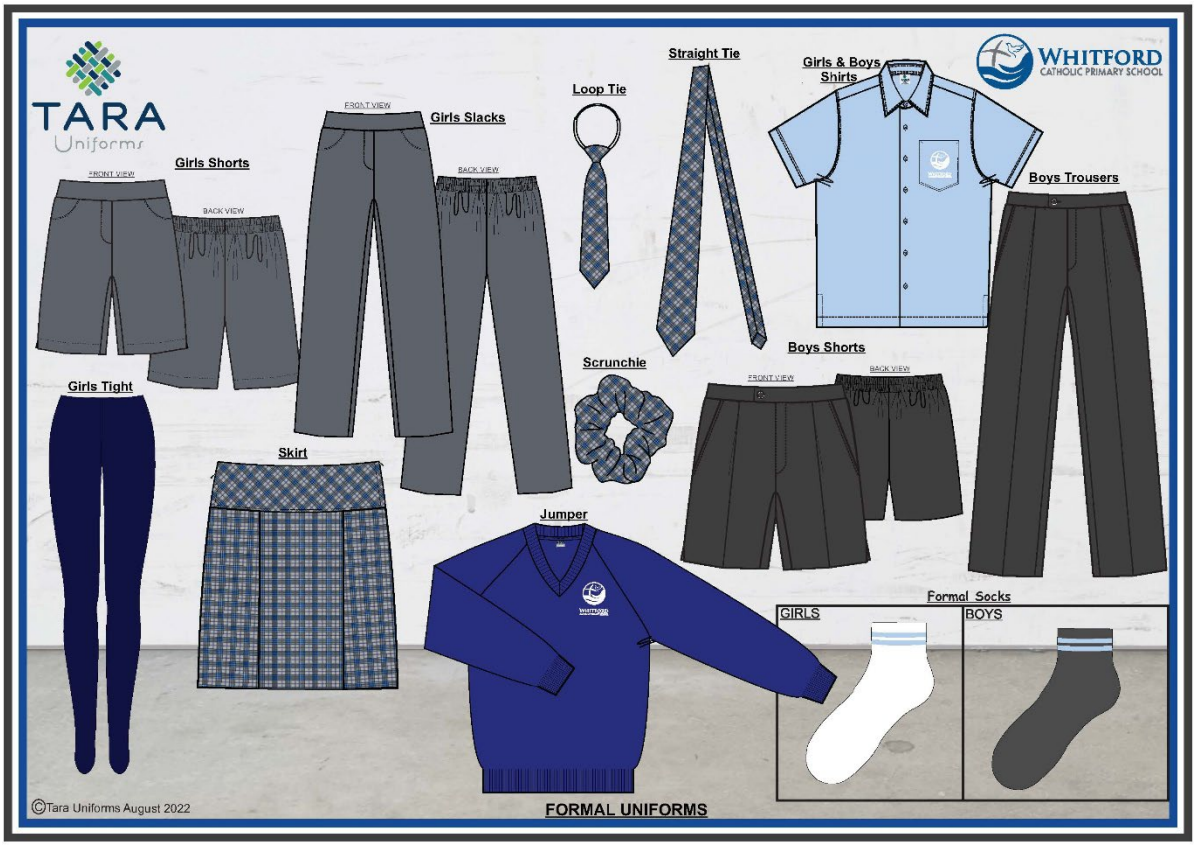
FORMAL UNIFORMS (YEAR 1 – 6 STUDENTS):





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FORMAL SCHOOL SHOES

- Plain black lace-up school shoes, velcro or buckle type shoes are permitted.
- Suede, patent or canvas type shoes **are not** classified as school shoes and are not permitted.

Examples:

Acceptable Shoes - Leather upper, traditional school shoe style.

Not Acceptable – suede, patent, canvas or flat, skate style of shoe.

SPORTS UNIFORMS (PRE-PRIMARY – 6 STUDENTS):

SPORTS SHOES

In keeping with uniform standards, acceptable sports shoes will be a predominantly black or white runner or cross-trainer style of shoe.

Acceptable sports shoes – predominantly black or white

Not acceptable sports shoes – multi colour, fluoro or skate style of shoe (or fluoro laces)

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ACCESSORIES:

PRE-KINDY (3 year olds) & KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS:

- Pre-Kindy and Kindergarten students should wear comfortable, practical and safe clothing suitable for a very active day.
- Velcro sports shoes are required. No open sandals or thongs are permitted.
- Pre-Kindy and Kindergarten students do not have a formal school uniform, however; an optional t-shirt can be purchased.
- Pre-Kindy students should wear a yellow wide-brimmed hat. Kindy students will be required to wear a blue school hat. Both hats are available from Tara Uniforms.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS

- All clothing is to be labelled with a proper marking pen. This applies especially to hats, rain jackets, tracksuits and jumpers.
- Students also require the following items:
    - School bag (Pre-Primary – Year 6)
    - Library bag (Kindergarten – Year 6) – Library bags can be purchased from Tara Uniforms.
    - Homework bag (Pre-Primary – Year 6) - Homework bags can be purchased from Tara Uniforms.

Sanctions for Non-Compliance:

- All students are expected to meet dress requirements unless the School Leadership Team or parent/carer has granted a written acceptable exemption.
- Class teachers will be responsible for monitoring and informing students and parents when dress uniform and sports uniform, are inappropriate.
- It is the responsibility of class teachers, not specialist teachers for entering data in SEQTA.
    - STEP 1
      A verbal reminder will be given to students by the class teacher and entered in SEQTA.
    - STEP 2
      A SEQTA parent notification using the uniform template will be completed by the class teacher.
    - STEP 3
      The teacher will contact the family via phone to determine a solution and offer support if needed. To be recorded in SEQTA.
    - STEP 4
      The teacher refers ongoing non-compliance to a member of the School Leadership Team who will organise a meeting with the family.