



NEWINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Learning for Life

STUDENT UNIFORM POLICY

PURPOSE

This policy outlines for the school community the purpose and reasons for a uniform, the community expectation about the common standards and the processes in place to establish, change, purchase, regulate and monitor the school uniform.

AIMS

- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community
- To develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school
- To promote equality amongst all students
- To provide security for children travelling to and from school and on excursions
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school community

RATIONALE

At Newington Public School the wearing of full and correct school uniform is seen as important and is valued by the school community. As well as being a symbol of unity, pride, identity and belonging, it provides a measure of protection for students travelling to and from school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of a uniform code. The Department of Education (DoE) supports the wearing of school uniform and requires students to conform to acceptable general standards of dress inclusive of the school's uniform requirements. Our community expects that the school will insist on sensible standards of clothing, good grooming and personal cleanliness.

In choosing a uniform for Newington Public School the Uniform Committee has ensured our uniform is:

- Comfortable, practical, safe, easy to launder, modest, cost-effective for both sexes, suited to school activities and seasonal weather patterns
- Distinctive - providing a positive image for public education, our school and suburb
- Supportive of our sun-safe policy with a '**NO HAT, NO PLAY**' expectation and two choices for hats
- Suitable for all body types and students K-6
- Inclusive in terms of cultural, religious and gender perspectives
- Enhanced by our school logo
- Accompanied by a designated bag, which carries our logo and which is specifically designed to support students' backs by reducing stress on spines
- Supported by a designated sports uniform for Sport and school representation
- Made in Australia to as great an extent as possible

KEY POLICY STATEMENTS

COMMUNICATION AND SALES

- School uniform sales are conducted through a leasing arrangement with '*Pickles Schoolwear*'. This company sources and supplies the uniforms for sale. The sales office on site at the school is open: **Tuesday 9.00-10.00am and Thursday 2.30-3.30pm**. Items can be ordered and pre-paid over the internet or phone for pick-up on the Thursday.(www.picklesschoolwear.com.au or 9905 2711)
- Parents and caregivers can access a copy of the uniform policy, uniform items and price list from our website.
- Any changes to the uniform will be undertaken under the auspices of the Uniform Committee and only after consultation with the whole school community as per DoE policy.
- A Uniform Community comprising P&C representatives, staff and students will be established to oversee and recommend any changes to school uniform policy or uniform items.
- Items of uniform, which are found but do not carry a name, will be put in 'Lost Property'. This will be kept near the Canteen. Students and parents may visit the 'Lost Property' box to claim items.
- Unclaimed, un-named items from the 'Lost Property' box will be cleared from the box each term and made available for purchase as second hand items through the P&C.
- There is a separate policy for Year 6 commemorative clothing. This will be communicated to parents and caregivers of students in Year 6 in each year.
- Graduating students are encouraged to donate second-hand uniforms to the school
- Families experiencing financial difficulties may apply for Student Assistance Funding to assist with uniform purchases

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EXPECTATIONS

- The school and parent community expects that students will be fully outfitted with formal winter and summer school uniforms; and winter and summer Sports uniforms
- All items of school uniform must be clearly labelled with the students' name
- If a student is unable to come to school in correct school uniform on any day, a note of explanation needs to be provided by the student's caregiver. If a child presents without correct uniform on three consecutive occasions a note will be sent home from the class teacher requesting an explanation.
- Correct school uniform is a condition for attendance on excursions and for representative sports and other representative activities
- NO HAT, NO PLAY requires that any child without a school hat must remain in a shaded area during recess and lunch play times. Hats are not worn inside buildings
- Black shoes with white socks (or black socks with long black pants) is the established standard for footwear. Sports shoes may be worn on days where PE or sport activities are scheduled
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in ears, watches and small necklaces are the only acceptable jewellery
- Nail polish and cosmetics should not be worn to school
- The school community requires that the Principal be responsible for the implementation of the uniform standards and code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Behaviour, Positive Behaviour for Learning framework and School Wellbeing policies
- There is not a pre-determined date for the change over from summer to winter uniforms and back to summer uniform. Generally, winter uniform would be worn in Terms 2 and 3 – with parental discretion each year dictated by the prevailing weather – temperature conditions. The Principal may publish suggested changeover dates in the school newsletter.

SUMMER

BOYS: School polo shirt (short or long sleeves); black long (cargo) shorts; black shoes; white socks; black school hat.

GIRLS: Summer school dress or black skirt and school polo shirt (short or long sleeves); black shoes; white socks; black school hat.

WINTER

BOYS: School polo shirt (short or long sleeves); black pants; fleecy zip-front jacket; black shoes; white/black socks; black school hat.

GIRLS: Winter tunic; black skivvy; black tights or black skirt or long black pants and school polo shirt (short or long sleeves); fleecy zip-front jacket; black shoes; white socks; black school hat.

SPORTS

Unisex black sports shorts or skirt (girls); black fleecy track pants and fleecy school jacket; school polo shirt; sports shoes

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Black sleeveless polar fleece vest (winter uniform option)

Black Newington PS scarf (winter uniform option)

Black pants for girls (winter uniform option)

Sports House T-shirts (Red-Sauvage, Blue-Thorpe. Orange-O'Neill, Purple-Freeman)

The sports house shirt (polo) can be worn by students in years 3-6:

- at the school swimming, cross country and athletics carnivals
- each Friday for sport

Students who are in PSSA teams can wear their house shirt on a Friday or their PSSA team uniform.

Students in year 2 who compete in the 8-year-old events at the school swimming, cross country and athletics carnivals can wear the new house shirt to the carnival.

ACCESSORIES

Black school hat – slouch hat or cap (legionnaires) style

Newington PS black school bag

Newington PS Library bag

Hair/Head accessories – black, turquoise or teal colours

RELATED DOCUMENTS AND REFERENCES

- DoE School Uniform Policy PD/2004/0025/VO1
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/school-uniform-policy>
- School Uniforms in NSW Government Schools: A Support Document
- DoE and NPS Student Welfare & Student Discipline Policies