



Chapel Hill SS Uniform and Dress Standards Policy from 2013

The following Policy has been created with school community input, distributed to the community for feedback and endorsed by the P&C:

The policy has three sections as follows:

Section A: Expectations for Chapel Hill State School Uniform Policy

1. All students at Chapel Hill State School are expected to wear the school uniform in accordance with the CHSS Uniform Policy.
2. These expectations and the CHSS Uniform Policy are endorsed and supported by the parent body through the P&C, in consultation and cooperation with the School Administration.
3. The application of the Uniform Policy within the school community, and the day-to-day enforcement of the policy are the responsibility of the School Administration (the Principal and Vice Principal with the cooperation of the teaching staff).
4. The Uniform Policy will support other School policy, notably the Sun Smart policy and relevant safety policies.
5. The Uniform Policy will reflect the expectations of the CHSS community and will be in accordance with the Core Values and motto of our school:
 - Striving for Excellence
 - We work together
 - We seek to improve
 - We value education
 - We have quality teachers and students
6. The CHSS uniform will be easily recognisable in the wider community and at events where students are representing our school. Wearing the uniform will ensure that students are confidently and appropriately dressed and will instil a sense of pride in the students, both in their school and in their personal presentation.

Any changes made to the uniform will only be made in accordance with the Uniform Policy, and in consultation with the school community. Any changes will be introduced with an appropriate transition period.

Section B: Compliance with Uniform Policy and Dress Standards at CHSS

RATIONALE

All students at Chapel Hill State School are expected to wear the school uniform in accordance with the CHSS Uniform Policy. The application of the Uniform Policy is the responsibility of the school community as outlined below. The enforcement of the Uniform Policy is the responsibility of the school administration and will follow the steps outlined in this Policy.

The policy on school dress standards for students has been determined by the Chapel Hill State School Principal in consultation with staff, students and the community including endorsement by the P&C. It is designed to contribute to and support a healthy and safe learning environment which allows **all** students to participate in **all** school activities. Respect is the key mantra at Chapel Hill State School – the school continually refers to the positive philosophy of Respect for Self, Respect for Others and Respect for the Environment; and this paradigm exists within our uniform policy and dress standards.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR STUDENT DRESS STANDARDS and WEARING OF CORRECT UNIFORM

1. PARENTS / CARERS

- Parents are responsible for the provision and maintenance of the correct uniform and general appearance for their child/children. They are to ensure their children are appropriately dressed each school day.
- If the correct uniform is not available for any reason, it is the responsibility of the parent / carer to communicate this in a note to the child's teacher.
- Clothing items may be loaned on special occasions on a short term basis from a school supply. Special occasions may include but are not limited to school excursions, school photos and student illness. These items are to be returned to the school in a clean condition ready for re-use.

2. STUDENTS – DRESS STANDARDS

- Students are responsible for wearing the uniform and presenting themselves in a manner that shows pride in oneself and promotes the good image of the school within the community. This is a reflection of the Core Values of our school and the expectations of the Uniform Policy.
- **Grooming:** Students are expected to be clean, neat and tidy at all times (particularly upon arrival). Personal hygiene is a very important consideration for each student and will be encouraged by the school. Facial make-up is inappropriate for primary school students and therefore it should not be worn. A clear or very pale nail varnish may be worn.
- **Hair:** Hair should be clean and well groomed in a neat and appropriate style and colour. NB: this excludes extreme hair styles that might detract from the school's values.
- **Long Hair:** Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back. This assists in the control of head lice, to maintain safety requirements and also assists our students in looking neat and tidy. **Hair accessories:** Ribbons, hair clips, hair bands etc. should be in school and sport house colours (navy, pale blue, white, yellow and green) and be appropriate for wearing at school.
- **Hats:** Students must wear the school hat whenever they are exposed to the sun – for HPE lessons, sports activities, or when participating in games or sports during break time. School hats are sold through the uniform shop. The slouch hat is the preferred style. A bucket hat is also available, as it is more suitable for sport in the senior grades. Caps are not considered adequate. **The well-known CHSS rule is “NO HAT NO PLAY”.**

- **School Shoes:** The following are the acceptable footwear options for students (with the exception of any medical issues): Black leather school shoes, black joggers or predominantly white joggers. The school has a preference for Prep and Yr 1 to wear Velcro style shoes. No fashion shoes are acceptable.
- **Socks:** Students are expected to wear white, navy or black ankle length socks with their uniform.
- **Swimwear:** Sun shirt, appropriate swimwear and a swimming cap must be worn.
- **Jewellery: jewellery that is delicate, expensive or personally precious is best left at home.** For safety reasons, students are to minimize the amount of jewellery worn to school. A wrist watch, and one small pair of sleepers or stud earrings for pierced ears, are permitted. A medical information bracelet/necklace would be an exception to this rule.

3. **P&C**

- The P&C have been actively involved in the formation and writing of the Uniform Compliance and Dress Standards Policy in consultation with the school community and school Administration.
- The P&C has endorsed and will continue to support this policy.

The P&C will also support the Uniform Policy and its application in the following ways -

- **UNIFORM SHOP:** The P&C will operate a uniform shop to supply the school community with the correct uniform items identified in this policy.
- **Items for loan:** A collection of uniform items will be made available to the school administration in support of the school's Uniform Policy.

4. **TEACHERS**

- Teachers will monitor and encourage students to comply with the CHSS Uniform Policy.
- On a daily basis, they will enforce the 'no hat, no play' policy.
- If a student is regularly not wearing correct uniform or not complying with the dress standards, and there is no note or explanation from the parent/carer, the student will be referred to the Principal or nominee.
- If a student does not comply with teacher requests (direction) regarding uniform or dress standards, the matter will be referred to the Principal or nominee.

5. **PRINCIPAL**

The Principal has the final authority to enforce the school's Uniform and Dress Standard Policy. This authority is provided via State Legislation, under the 'Student Dress Code and Uniform Policy', established under Sections 360-363 and Section 283 of the Education (General Provisions) Act of 2006.

The Principal or nominee will provide a considered course of action for uniform issues and this will be administered on a case-by-case basis.

Section C: The Chapel Hill State School Uniform from 2013

This section of the Uniform and Dress Standards Policy provides a written summary of the uniform items that can be worn during 2013 and 2014, together with a visual summary of the new uniform.

The new uniform will be stocked in the Uniform Shop from the start of the 2013 school year. Stock of the old uniform will continue to be sold but will not be reordered.

During the two years of transition, students can dress for school in either the new uniform or old uniform.

The new and old uniforms can be mixed during the transition period. This will allow parents and carers to replace uniform items as needed.

From the beginning of 2015, only the new uniform will be worn by students at CHSS.

All students are **required** to have a **formal uniform**. This uniform is required for excursions (except when otherwise directed), school photo days, and some events at school. The formal uniform is acceptable on any school day.

Formal Uniform: The formal uniform is the unisex check shirt with the navy shorts (Stubbies – correct style available at the uniform shop) for boys and the navy skort (correct style available at the uniform shop) for girls. The girls also have the option of the check dress.

Sports uniform: The new school polo can be worn on any school day with the navy shorts (boys) or skort (girls), except when formal uniform is required.

Sports shorts: The new embroidered, rugby knit sports shorts can be worn on any school day except when formal uniform is required. These shorts are **required** for interschool sport in Yr 6 & 7, to be worn with the school polo.

Hats (required) and a school back pack (optional) are available at the uniform shop.

New Uniform for Girls

Girls are required to have one of the following formal uniform options. The formal uniform is required for some events at school, school photo days and excursions.



Girl's Formal Uniform: Check Dress or Unisex Check Shirt with Navy Skort (correct style available through uniform shop)

Girls can choose to wear the school polo with the navy skort or the embroidered, rugby knit sports shorts on any school day, except when formal uniform is required. Sports shorts are required in Yr 6 & 7 for interschool sport, to be worn with the polo.



New Uniform for Boys



Boy's Formal Uniform

Unisex Check Shirt with Navy Shorts

(Stubbies: correct style available through uniform shop)



Boys can choose to wear the school polo with the navy shorts on any school day except when formal uniform is required.



The school polo can also be worn with the embroidered, rugby knit sports shorts on any school day except when formal uniform is required.

The sports shorts are required in Yr 6 & 7 for interschool sport, to be worn with the polo.