



Friday 22 October, 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

RE: INTRODUCING PHASE 3 OF OUR UPDATED UNIFORM

As you are probably aware, following a review of our school uniform by a Board-appointed Review Committee, we have been gradually implementing a number of changes to our school uniform over the last two years. The main changes have been focused on:

- Having only one uniform for the entire school year, with additional items and layers for the colder months. There is no longer a distinct summer and winter uniform
- Developing a 'look' that is distinctly and clearly identified as NCS
- Having flexible options suitable for a range of body types and preferred activities
- Cost effectiveness for parents/carers as children progress through the school
- Recognising transition through the school while maintaining a smart cohesive look from K-12

Some of the **changes previously implemented** in the initial phases of the uniform update have included:

- Providing the option of shorts for girls from K-12
- Introducing a consistent navy colour for pants/skirts and shorts across the entire school
- The addition of a soft-shell jacket as a cold weather option
- An updated, more contemporary, primary polo shirt for K-6 boys and girls

Following feedback from the uniform survey conducted earlier this year, the School Board have now approved phase three of our uniform update.

Changes to be implemented during this phase, include:

- A new Year 7-10 girls blue blouse to replace the current white polo shirt
- A new Year 7-10 boys blue shirt to replace the current blue polo shirt
- A new optional navy tartan dress which transitions from primary to secondary (same dress but different tab ties and back belt) - Unfortunately, due to recent advice from our supplier, COVID-19 impacts now mean this dress will not be available for purchase until Term 3, 2022.

Transition Period

These new items will be phased in during a transitional 12-24 month period, depending on the item. The old secondary polos will be phased out by January 2023 and the old primary dress will be phased out by the end of 2023. However, students will be encouraged to wear a new uniform option (polo or dress) for school photo day 2023. The only other exception to these timeframes will be for the current Year 8 students. These students will not be required to purchase the new shirts, if they do not want to, as they will need to purchase the white senior shirts in 2024. [Please refer to this guide for the phase in/out dates for new and old uniform items.](#)

Transition to the new logo on items

A new school logo was introduced in 2019. Since then, we have gradually been updating items with the new logo. However, to keep stock wastage to a minimum, we will only introduce items with the new logo, once the old stock has been depleted as much as possible. Please keep this in mind as it may mean you will have some items with the new logo and some with the old logo. This cannot be avoided. Please be assured, if you purchase an item that still has the old logo on it, that your child will be able to continue wearing that item until at least 2025. (We may extend this date if our current stock items with the old logo do not deplete as quickly as anticipated.)

Currently, the new logo can only be guaranteed on the soft shell jackets, the new primary red polo and the new secondary blue shirts. There are some sizes of other items that may have the new logo, but it really depends on the size and stock levels. We are unable to fulfil requests for the new logo if we still stock the size you are requesting with the old logo. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Full uniform guide for 2022

Please refer to the following guide for a [summary of prices and uniform items](#) and for more detailed information and appearance guidelines please refer to the [2022 Full Uniform Guide](#).

Concluding remarks

I would like to thank the Board members, Uniform Review Committee members, staff, students and parents who have contributed to this important project. I have been impressed by the extent of the research, consultation and consideration you have all put into each of the decisions taken to reach this stage. Thanks also to you, our parents/carers and students, for your patience and understanding throughout this process - which I acknowledge has taken longer than we had originally anticipated.

I am acutely aware that, despite our best efforts, it is not possible to cater for all of our needs/desires in our final uniform decisions. We all have differing opinions when it comes to uniforms and I recognise that all views are valid. A genuine effort has been made to arrive at the most appropriate solution for our school. I commend our new uniform to you and ask that you support its implementation as we transition during the months ahead.

If you have any questions or feedback regarding the transition arrangements, please complete [this form](#) so that your enquiry can be directed to the most appropriate staff member.

Kind Regards,



Mr Rob Bray
Principal



New uniform storyboards





