
SHELL COVE PUBLIC SCHOOL

School Uniform Policy

This policy has been developed in accordance with the Department of Education School Uniform Policy. Link: <https://policies.education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/school-uniform-policy>

The School Uniform Policy was developed following consultation between students, parents and staff. This policy is strongly endorsed by the Shell Cove Public School P & C Association.

We share this custom with most Australian schools and believe that the wearing of a uniform to be consistent with the following principles:

- A uniform expresses a common identity, helping students feel part of a body, in this case, the community of the school.
- A uniform is a practical solution to the issue of dress for students as it allows families to use their resources wisely and minimise distinctions between students.
- A uniform frees students from unnecessary distractions.
- A uniform ensures students are dressed decently and modestly.
- When clearly defined, and firmly adhered to, a uniform avoids time wastage and stress for parents, teachers and students on minor matters of dress.

It is the policy of Shell Cove Public School that parents make every effort to provide the approved school uniform and to ensure that their children wear it every day.

1. The wearing of school uniform contributes to the school's identity, promotes loyalty among students and promotes a positive culture within the school and the community.
2. All students attending Shell Cove Public School are required to wear full school uniform at school, to and from school and on excursions unless otherwise specified for a particular excursion or event.
3. All items should be clearly marked with the student's name.
4. Students who attend school not wearing the correct school uniform will be loaned clothing from the second-hand clothing pool so that they are dressed in the correct uniform. These items will need to be washed and returned to the office.
5. Shoes – plain black enclosed shoes or joggers (no logos) are a requirement of our school uniform. The Department of Education has issued a policy statement which excludes students who wear 'thongs' or open shoes from a range of school activities. Dance style slipper shoes are also not permitted.
6. Sun Protection –The P & C and staff are mindful of the hazards of exposure to excessive sunlight. Students are required to wear the school hat for sun protection. Hats that are not navy blue with the school logo (wide brim or bucket) will not be permitted. No Hat, Play in the Shade – students without a hat will be directed to play in a shaded area. This policy is in force throughout the school year.

Students who don't bring their hat on school excursions or sporting events may be excluded from the excursion or sporting event.

7. Jewellery is to be kept to a minimum at all times. A wristwatch, small studs (or sleepers), small signet ring may be worn. The wearing of other jewellery beyond that is not appropriate.
8. When representing the school, the correct uniform of the day must be worn.
9. Should students' standard of dress fail to meet the requirements, the school reserves the right to call parent/carers requesting that a change of clothes is bought to the school.

Our school uniforms can be purchased from Brandworx at 61 Five Island Road, Port Kembla. Orders can be taken over the phone, online or by visiting the store. When ordered over the phone, Brandworx will deliver uniforms to the school office. Brandworx store telephone number is 4227 1181.

NOTE: School hats are available for purchase at the school office.

Approved adjustments to normal school uniform

- Year 6 students are permitted to wear their Shell Cove Public School Commemorative Year 6 shirt Monday - Thursday. All other items of clothing must be school uniform.
- Students can wear official PSSA representative jumpers for a period of one year from the date of representation on sports day only. All other items of clothing must be school uniform. Reasons (but not limited to) for removal; a leadership role, photos, school representation and excursions.
- During Winter, students can wear a plain navy long sleeve shirt under their polo shirt provided that the student is also wearing a school jumper.

Exemptions

The Principal must be contacted to request an exemption from the uniform policy and evidence will be necessary to support the following grounds/reasons for not wearing the agreed school uniform; race, ethno-religion, sex, age, homosexuality, transgender status, carer responsibilities and economic hardship. Through consultation, an alternative option will be found or a long-term exemption may be provided on a needs basis.

Should you require an exemption due to health reasons, we will require a medical certificate stating that an alternate cotton-based school uniform will be required due to medical reasons. This medical certificate is to be presented at the office. A form will be completed by school staff for you to present at Brandworx where you can organise a custom-made school uniform.

Mandatory School Uniform

Please refer to the table on the next page for a detailed list of items that make up the Shell Cove Public School uniform.

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Mandatory School Uniform Items

Boys' Uniform: Monday - Thursday	Girls' Uniform: Monday - Thursday
<p>Shirt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blue polo shirt with school logo <p><i>[NOTE: Long sleeve garments worn under the school polo shirt are unacceptable – see adjustment notes]</i></p> <p>Jumper/Jacket</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Polar fleece jacket with school logo - Training track jacket with school logo <p><i>[NOTE: Hoodies are not acceptable]</i></p> <p>Bottoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plain navy blue shorts - Plain navy blue trousers - Plain navy blue track pants <p><i>[NOTE: Bottoms with visible logo are not acceptable]</i></p> <p>Hats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bucket hat with school logo - Wide brim hat with school logo <p>Footwear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plain black shoes or plain black joggers with no visible logo - Plain black or white socks <p><i>[NOTE: Coloured socks or ones with a visible logo are not acceptable. Vans/Converse style shoes are not acceptable]</i></p>	<p>Shirt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blue polo shirt with school logo <p><i>[NOTE: Long sleeve garments worn under the school polo shirt are unacceptable – see adjustment notes]</i></p> <p>Jumper/Jacket</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Polar fleece jacket with school logo - Training track jacket with school logo <p><i>[NOTE: Hoodies are not acceptable]</i></p> <p>Bottoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plain navy blue shorts/skorts - Plain navy blue trousers - Plain navy blue track pants <p><i>[NOTE: Bottoms with visible logo are not acceptable]</i></p> <p>Dress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shell Cove Public School tunic - Navy blue stockings can be worn underneath tunic <p>Hats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bucket hat with school logo - Wide brim hat with school logo <p>Footwear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plain black shoes or plain black joggers with no visible logo - Plain black or white socks <p><i>[NOTE: Coloured socks or ones with a visible logo are not acceptable. Vans/Converse style shoes are not acceptable]</i></p>
Boys' Sports Uniform: Fridays only	Girls' Sports Uniform: Fridays only
<p>Shirt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sports polo shirt with school logo - Official PSSA representative shirt <p><i>[NOTE: Long sleeve garments worn under the school polo or representative shirt are unacceptable]</i></p> <p>Jumper/Jacket</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Polar fleece jacket with school logo - Training track jacket with school logo - Official PSSA representative jumper <p><i>[NOTE: Hoodies are not acceptable]</i></p> <p>Bottoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plain navy blue shorts - Plain navy blue trousers - Plain navy blue track pants <p><i>[NOTE: Bottoms with visible logo are not acceptable]</i></p> <p>Hats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bucket hat with school logo - Wide brim hat with school logo <p>Footwear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plain black joggers with no visible logo - Plain black or white socks <p><i>[NOTE: Coloured socks or ones with a visible logo are not acceptable. Vans/Converse style shoes are not acceptable]</i></p>	<p>Shirt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sports polo shirt with school logo - Official PSSA representative shirt <p><i>[NOTE: Long sleeve garments worn under the school polo or representative shirt are unacceptable]</i></p> <p>Jumper/Jacket</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Polar fleece jacket with school logo - Training track jacket with school logo - Official PSSA representative jumper <p><i>[NOTE: Hoodies are not acceptable]</i></p> <p>Bottoms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plain navy blue shorts/skorts - Plain navy blue trousers - Plain navy blue track pants <p><i>[NOTE: Bottoms with visible logo are not acceptable]</i></p> <p>Hats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bucket hat with school logo - Wide brim hat with school logo <p>Footwear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plain black joggers with no visible logo - Plain black or white socks <p><i>[NOTE: Coloured socks or ones with a visible logo are not acceptable. Vans/Converse style shoes are not acceptable]</i></p>