



School Uniform Policy

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1 PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

This document explains the reasoning for a uniform and outlines the dress code for students at Calderwood Christian School.

2 WHY HAVE A UNIFORM

- First and foremost, a uniform forms part of the hidden curriculum of a school. Along with the daily routines, Christian practices, and disciplines, wearing a uniform is educational.
- The essence of a school is not the building, the facilities, or the programs, it is the people. Uniforms invite students to invest in something far greater than themselves.
- Uniforms contribute to a strong sense of belonging to a reputable and culturally rich community.
- The practice of wearing a uniform teaches discipline by encouraging detailed attendance to a routine task that can be easily completed to a high level of accuracy and consistency.
- Encourages the child to take pride in their school.
- Prepares students for the many expectations, including presentation, and the high standards of the workplace.
- Minimises opportunities for bullying due to different clothing standards because of personal choice or financial capacity to purchase trending fashion.
- Removes the distraction from the essential purpose of being at school; academic, social, physical, and spiritual development.
- Ensures that students are distinguished by their God-given gifts, their talents, their desire to improve, their progress, their spiritual maturity, their service and so much more, rather than by their clothing, adornments, jewellery, or haircut.
- Contribute to the safety and wellbeing of students whilst they are not at school. The young person is quickly and easily recognised as a school student and belonging to Calderwood Christian School.
- The good name of Calderwood Christian School proceeds each child when they are in public venues, travelling on public transport or entering workplaces.

For the reasons outlined above, it is the policy of the school that parents provide the approved school uniform and ensure their children wear it every day in accordance with the Dress Code. That is, students are expected to wear their uniform completely and correctly at all times, including to and from school, on public transport and in public spaces. Students are encouraged to think that “If you have your uniform on, you are representing CCS”.

3 DRESS CODE

The school has a standard uniform, which should be worn at all times in accordance with the following guidelines:

- 1) Parents should make every effort to provide the approved school uniform and ensure that their children wear it correctly and completely every day.
- 2) All uniform items should be neat, clean and in good repair.
- 3) Uniform items are not to be tight fitting, hems are to the knee.

- 4) Boys' white shirts are to be worn tucked in, except for when they are participating in sport and physical activity.
- 5) Ties are to be worn during Terms 2 and 3. When wearing a tie, the top button is to be buttoned up.
- 6) Students are permitted to wear their sports uniform all day on designated PE / Sport days.
- 7) Should any family have practical difficulties meeting this requirement, they should refer to the Head of Junior School.
- 8) School hats are compulsory all year round.
- 9) Red jumpers are to be worn as the first layer against the cold.
- 10) Black Calderwood jackets may be worn as an additional layer over the red jumper in any term. Years 10-12 only, may wear the black Calderwood jacket as the sole layer against the cold. If any additional, non-uniform layers of clothing are needed, they are to be plain white and not extend beyond the uniform or shirt sleeve, i.e. extra clothing should not be visible.
- 11) Footwear must be in good repair and fastened securely on the foot. Refer to the CCS Parent Handbook for further detail.
- 12) Hairstyles must be conservative and natural in colour. Bold styles are not permitted. This includes hair that has been noticeably coloured. For public health and safety reasons, all students who choose to wear their hair longer than the bottom of the collar must have their hair tied back neatly using correct school hair accessories. Hair should not restrict a student's vision. All boys must be clean-shaven. Extreme haircuts, including razor lines, tracks, dreadlocks, sideburns and rats' tails are not permitted. Hair is not to be cut any shorter than #2. The School reserves the right to determine if a haircut is extreme. Students will be provided one week to visit a hairdresser to correct their hairstyle.
- 13) Tattoos are discouraged and must not be visible at any time (including sporting events);
- 14) Parents should make every effort to provide the approved school uniform and ensure that their children wear it every day. Should any family have practical difficulties meeting this requirement they are to contact the appropriate Head of School

3.1 Jewellery

Students may wear a watch and a small signet ring. Please see the Mobile Phone and Smart Wearables Policy for more details regarding watches. Plain gold or silver studs (3-4 mm, no coloured stones), or plain gold or silver 'sleepers' may be worn. Earrings are to form a matching set. Only one to be worn in each ear. No other piercings are permitted. Year 11 and 12 students are permitted to wear clear piercing retainers. Necklaces and bracelets are not permitted. MedicAlert necklaces or bracelets are allowed. Religious symbols are not to be on display as jewellery; they may be attached to the inside of the uniform.

3.2 Makeup

Fingernail polish and false fingernails are not to be worn. Middle Years students from Year 7-9 are not permitted to wear makeup. Years 10-12 girls may wear the following makeup in light, natural tones:

- light foundation

- black, brown or clear mascara
- clear lip gloss
- no contouring, brow colour or eye liner permitted