



SCHOOL UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Rationale

Wearing of school uniform should be a positive expression of the child's pride in belonging to the school community.

Wearing of school uniform should be viewed as an appropriate extension of positive school experiences and practices.

School uniform should be affordable, comfortable, made from easy-care fabrics, appropriate for activity and suitable for all body shapes.

Positive outcomes

A school uniform that is adopted with sound educational, social and physical principles in mind should lead to the following positive outcomes.

For the child

- Promotes a sense of belonging for students, including confidence and pride.
- Contributes to the personal safety of students by allowing easier recognition of students inside the school and in the community.
- Contributes to personal comfort and safety in wearing clothing designed for its suitability for the relevant activities.
- Promotes equity.
- Develops habits of self-discipline.
- Minimises distinctions between students.

For the parent/carer

- Economic benefits due to durability and design of fabrics, colours and garments.
- Ease of laundering.
- Promotion of gender equity with many items able to be handed down through the family.

For the teacher

- Children's pride in their appearance will be reflected in their pride in belongings and work efforts.
- Students are easily recognised outside the school boundaries.
- Distractions to classroom practices will be reduced.

For the school

- Creates a positive identity for the school community, including a sense of cohesion and camaraderie.
- Displays pride and spirit of ownership.
- Simplifies management of children on outings.
- Encourages public recognition during offsite activities.

Implementation

While reaffirming the importance of school uniform, the Coniston Public School community believes that the wearing of a uniform should:

- be a positive educational, social and individual experience.
- be determined and endorsed in conjunction with the Parents and Citizens' Committee (P & C).
- be supported and maintained by the provision of a school-based second-hand clothing pool.
- have a lost property facility available.
- be available at a subsidy for economically disadvantaged families.

Expectations

Students

Students are expected to wear a school uniform that meets the school's uniform requirements.

Parents/Carers

Parents are expected to provide their child/children with a school uniform that meets the school's uniform requirements and raise any concerns with the principal.

Staff

Staff members are expected to comply with the Department's staff dress code found in the Code of Conduct.

Requirements

As a result of parent feedback over many years and in consultation with the P & C in 2022/3, the school is in a phase in period to change our school shirt. The yellow polo shirt will be phased out with students wearing the current green sport shirt Monday – Friday from the commencement of 2025.

From the commencement of 2025, all students will be expected to wear the green sport/polo shirt every day.

| Monday - Thursday | Friday |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Green sport/polo shirt with emblem – being phased in• Yellow polo shirt with emblem – being phased out by end of 2024• Green shorts (boys)• Green skorts / shorts / pants (girls)• Green tracksuit pants• Green jumper with emblem• White socks• Black shoes (no white soles) with black laces or Velcro• School broad-brimmed hat• Hair neat and tidy (long hair tied back and not covering the face) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Green sport/polo shirt with emblem• Green shorts (boys)• Green skorts / shorts / pants (girls)• Green tracksuit pants• Green jumper with emblem• White socks• Joggers• School broad-brimmed hat• Hair neat and tidy (long hair tied back and not covering the face) |

Hats

Our sun safe policy states that all students wear our approved, broad-brimmed school hat. The school also follows the rule of 'no hat, play in the shade'. Hats are to be worn correctly and not in class or during inside activities.

School hats are available from the office on any day.

Items not permitted on a day-to-day basis

- Clothing that reveals shoulders, mid-driffs, cleavage and/or buttocks. This includes mufti (dress-up) days.
- Clothing featuring inappropriate messages. This includes mufti (dress-up) days.
- Make-up.
- Nail polish.
- Fashion accessories.
- Unnecessary jewellery (e.g. necklaces, earrings other than studs/sleepers, bracelets).
- Smart watches are considered a digital device and must be left at the office each morning and collected at the end of the school. Other watches may be worn.

Purchasing

Coniston School Uniforms can be ordered through Brandworx either online at [Brandworx - our stores](#) or from their shop at 61 Five Islands Rd, Port Kembla.

If you require assistance to order your uniforms, please contact our office or Brandworx.



P: 02 4276 1181
F: 02 4276 1154
WWW.BRANDWORX.COM.AU
PO BOX 143
PORT KEMBLA NSW 2505
61 FIVE ISLANDS ROAD
PORT KEMBLA NSW 2505

A suggested uniform guide for each student is:

- 2 or 3 sport shirts (yellow polo shirts are being phased out)
- 2 shorts (boys) OR 2 skorts (girls)
- 1 jumper (or 2 if your child misplaces items easily)
- 1 hat (or 2 if your child misplaces items easily)

An order form with price list is available from our office.

The school keeps a very limited number of assorted second-hand items in stock. These are available for purchase from the school's office from 8:30am each day.

Labelling

It is advisable that all articles of school uniform are labelled for easy identification.

Lost Property

Any articles of uniform or property that are found throughout the school, are stored in a Lost Property container located in the Administration foyer. All efforts to trace owners of lost property are carried out giving need to the importance of clearly **labelling** items of uniform and personal property.

Lost property is cleared at the end of each term with unnamed, unclaimed items in good repair donated to the school's second-hand clothing pool. Non-school items in good repair are donated to charity.

Financial Assistance

Any parent encountering difficulty in acquiring a uniform should contact the Principal via Administration staff. All requests are managed confidentially.

Policy references and revision

This policy statement is written in conjunction with the Department of Education's Uniform Policy [School Uniform \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/school-uniform) and [Footwear guidelines for NSW Government schools](#).

The Coniston Public School **School Uniform Requirements** document was revised in 2023 after community consultation commencing beforehand.

It is due for revision again at the end of 2024 in preparation for the 2025 school year when the current green sport/polo shirt replaces the yellow polo shirt.



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