



EFFECTIVE: OCTOBER 2022

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Student's individuality is appreciated at Country House School, however, we do have a compulsory school uniform. It is our expectation that all children leave home looking not only a credit to their families, but also to the school to which they belong.

THEREFORE THE FOLLOWING RESPONSIBILITIES APPLY TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS;

The children are to wear the school uniform travelling to and from school, as well as during school hours or when participating in a school-organised event outside normal school hours, unless exempted from doing so by the Principal on designated days. This will include the school hat.

By way of courtesy, parents are asked to write a letter to the classroom teacher if their child is 'out of uniform, e.g. wearing incorrect shoes.'

All items of clothing must be labelled clearly with the child's name.

Our school uniform is a unisex attire that can be worn throughout the year. Students are encouraged to use their discretion when choosing what to wear, taking into account the weather conditions and their personal comfort.

While our uniform is generally versatile, students are also allowed to wear sports and HopHouse attire on designated days or when participating in specific activities.

We aim to provide a comfortable and inclusive learning environment, and our uniform policy reflects this approach.

OUR POLICY IS BASED ON THE NOTION THAT A SCHOOL UNIFORM;

- promotes a sense of identity and pride for students attending the school;
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart;
- is not distracting in class (as fashion clothes might be);
- makes students feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money by most parents;
- has been designed with comfort, health and safety in mind.

- Hair is to be kept clean, neat and tidy and out of the eyes and not touching ears.
- If longer than collar length, it should be tied back. (boys and girls)
- Hair should be tied back with a dark navy blue, white, red, brown or black hair tie or simple hair accessories in school uniform colours.
- Extremes of hair style, length and colour are not permitted. E.g. Dread locks, mullets, undercuts, top knots, mohawk, tracks etc. are not acceptable.
- At the discretion of the Principal, there may be some exceptions to the rule of culturally appropriate haircuts.

MAKE UP

No make-up or coloured lip gloss is permitted.

FINGERNAILS

Fingernails must be clean, well-trimmed and unpolished.

JEWELLERY

Wearing jewellery to school poses a health and safety risk, as such the range jewellery that children may choose to wear is limited to;

- ✓ A single set of plain earrings (studs or sleepers)
- ✓ A watch
- ✓ A small, plain, religious, or cultural item or cross worn around the neck or arm

HATS

We request that children have sunscreen applied on all exposed areas at home. CHS staff will encourage and assist to reapply after midday, assure to provide a clearly labelled sunscreen that will remain at school. As sun safety is of great concern, all children must have a school hat for outdoor activities, as well as travelling to and from school. The rule **“No hat, No play”** applies to all class activities and lunchtime play.

SHOES

Plain black socks and shoes (including souls), leather or synthetic leather, Velcro strap shoes are permitted, black takkies, sandals/flops or barefoot

SCHOOL BAG

Official CHS school bag

SOME GUIDING PROCEDURES:

A standard letter is used to inform parents of any concerns regarding their child’s school uniform.

Parents are then given a period of time to act on the letter.

Parents have the responsibility for overseeing the wearing of correct school uniform.

Any ongoing problems are to be referred to the Principal or SGB, who in turn will discuss concerns and disciplinary action should it be agreed with parents.

DRESS CODE FOR UNIFORM FREE DAY:

When uniform free days operate children are to wear clothing which complies with all of the following:

- ✓ Shoes and clothes suitable for playing and running
- ✓ Clothing which covers the full torso and shoulders (nonrevealing)
- ✓ Dresses/shorts to be to at least mid-thigh length
- ✓ Sun hats are to be worn
- ✓ No offensive or inappropriate slogans/pictures

CHILDREN NOT COMPLYING MAY BE ASKED TO:

- Return home and change clothing to suit the policy or
- Wear clothing provided at the school which does comply or
- Be refused the privilege in future

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop at our school is now managed by Jolanie from SeaMount.

All CHS uniforms must be acquired through SeaMount, from where Jolanie operates this small uniform business.

It is essential to support Jolanie by consistently purchasing items directly from her, the prices are set at a reasonable rate, with a fair markup added to cover business overheads and expenses.

Jolanie and works diligently to provide high-quality and timely service to our parents and students.

The uniform shop is open on designated days and times, kindly contact Jolanie for orders and sales (066 092 9246)

USED UNIFORM SALES & DONATIONS

Please note that the sale of new Hophouse uniforms and management of pre-loved uniforms is still handled by CHS. For any uniform sales or enquiries, please reach out to us.

Please note that all sales are final on pre-loved uniforms.

RETURN POLICY:

- No returns or exchanges
- Items must be in original condition for refunds (each case will be evaluated individually)
- be certain of the size before purchasing
- Payment in full is required to process an order
- Full payment is required at the time of purchase
- No uniform will be released without payment

DONATIONS:

- We appreciate donations of gently used or outgrown uniforms
- Donations can be dropped off at the school office

PRODUCTS

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| UNISEX HOODIE (NAVY & HOPHOUSE AVAILABLE) | TASLON TRACKSUIT SET (NAVY/WHITE) |
| UNISEX RED GOLF SHIRT (SHORT & LONG) | SPORTS T (NAVY & HOPHOUSE) |
| SKORTS & SHORTS (NAVY) | ANORAK DRY MAC JACKET (NAVY) |
| CRICKET HAT & SUN CAP | WOOLLEN KNITTED BEANIE SCARF OR GLOVES |
| BLACK ANKLET SOCKS | GRIP SOCKS (HOPHOUSE) |
| BOYS: SPORT TIGHTS LIZZARD SHORT (NAVY) | GIRLS: SWIMWEAR GEM FULL PIECE (NAVY) |
| RASH VEST, LONG OR SHORT & SWIM CAP (NAVY) | SOCCER/HOCKEY SOCKS (NAVY/WHITE TOP) |

SIGNATURE APPROVAL

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| BEHALF OF HEADS | | DATE | |
| BEHALF OF SGB | | DATE | |
| PRINCIPAL | | DATE | |