



JAMES COOK SCHOOL SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Rationale: At James Cook School, we believe that wearing our school uniform assists children to develop a sense of identity with, and pride for the school. It also assists the development of the RICHER core culture values of Respect (for yourself, for others, for your school) and Inclusion (being part of a team), Endeavour (we persist to do the best and be the best that we can possibly be).

Guidelines:

1. The wearing of our James Cook School uniform is compulsory for all students attending James Cook School.

2. The James Cook School uniform consists of the following items as sold by our official sole supplier, Academy Apparel from their shop on Broadway Avenue in Palmerston North: polo shirt, skort/shorts, polar fleece, long pants, jacket and yellow bucket hat; compulsory only in Terms 1 & 4, black under the knee socks, ankle length socks or black tights (girls), black covered shoes (no additional colours are permissible) or black sandals during summer.

Available from the school office are free black KidsCan/Warriors jackets which are also able to be worn as part of our school uniform and free black KidsCan shoes which are also able to be worn as part of our school uniform.

3. The uniform is to be worn at all times with pride and in clean condition. Marking or defacing the school uniform including the addition of visible logos or names is not acceptable and will be dealt with as a behavioural issue.

- School hats are to be worn in the manner they were designed for.
- Black tights and black sleeved undershirts/black thermals can be worn in winter but they must be black in keeping with school uniform colours.
- Jewellery is not to be worn at school due to safety concerns. Small plain studs are permissible for children with piercings. Taonga worn around necks are also permissible for children to wear.
- If your child is unable to wear the uniform due to an emergency situation a signed letter must be presented to the class teacher explaining the situation.
- If a child does not wear the uniform without written permission they will be given a verbal warning. If this occurs again then a letter will be sent home. Repeated offences will be dealt with as a behavioural issue.

4. Uniform requirements for special occasions and performing groups:

- All students must wear the school uniform or school sports uniform when representing the school including events outside of the school grounds. This includes, but does not limit it to, the following groups: Kapa Haka, choir, chess team, Mathex team, and any other activity where the student is representing the school or is asked to wear the uniform by school staff.
- Students will be exempt from wearing the school uniform for Physical Education lessons at school. For Physical Education lessons children are expected to wear: shorts/track pants, T-shirts, appropriate footwear. For swimming lessons (a one- piece for girls and proper swimming shorts for boys).
- Students will be exempt from wearing the school uniform during outdoor education activities, such as camps and tramps, where uniforms may be at risk of being damaged. Parents will be informed by team leaders in these instances. The uniform is to be worn for all other class trips.
- All students must wear the school uniform for official class photographs.

Fake nails and makeup are not permitted.

Conclusion: We believe that by applying consistent procedures to the wearing of the school uniform we are helping to maintain our standards of excellence so that we can continue to live out our vision statement of *“Achieving Excellence through Aroha, Endeavour and Resolution”*.

Ratified by the James Cook School, Board of Trustees
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