



COMPULSORY SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Wearing a school uniform has many advantages such as:

- Building school spirit and sense of community
- Easy identification of students
- Reduces issue of peer pressure to wear particular clothing
- Standardises dress codes across schools

IMPLEMENTATION

At Katherine South Primary School, students will be required to wear either the designated school or house shirt and school shorts/skorts or the uniform dress. These items will be available for purchase at the front office during normal office hours. In the cooler weather school jackets and track pants or plain dark coloured jackets, jumpers or track pants can be worn. School jackets and track pants will be available to purchase also. Parents will be encouraged to use their *Back to School Vouchers* for school uniforms.

Any NT School Sport endorsed shirt eg. Rivers, NT and the Year 6 graduations shirts are considered part of the school uniform.

Any school endorsed representative sport uniform that displays the KSPS logo and complies with our sun-smart policy is considered part of the school uniform.

Second-hand school uniforms will be available at minimal cost.

Students not wearing school uniform, without notification from home, will be required to wear a second-hand school shirt/shorts and parents may be notified. Exceptional circumstances may include short-term enrolment, financial hardship or cultural/religious considerations. Exceptional circumstances will be considered by the principal.

To encourage students to wear uniform every day the school will give positive acknowledgement by means of house spirit points, setting clear expectations to enrolling families about uniform policy and verbal praise to students complying. Staff will also act as good role models, particularly on Fridays, where staff will be encouraged to wear their house shirt.

For all activities that take our students off-site the KSPS traditional green and gold shirt and shorts / skorts or dress uniform must be worn.

Jewellery and makeup are not to be worn at school; for safety reasons only sleepers and studs are permitted for pierced ears. Working watches, KSPS C.A.R.E wristbands and medical alert bracelets are also acceptable (please refer to KSPS Jewellery Policy).



Hats

In accordance with our Sunsmart Policy students must wear either a broad-brimmed / legionnaire / bucket hat. Caps are not acceptable.

Due to our tropical location and the threat of skin cancer it is school policy for students to wear hats in the playground. Parents are asked to reinforce this and ensure students bring their hats to school. Students without hats will be directed to the undercover areas.

Shoes

In the interests of health and safety students must wear appropriate enclosed footwear. This footwear must be of sturdy material and have tie-up laces or Velcro. Slip on canvas shoes, thongs, crocs, sandals or backless shoes of any kind are not acceptable types of footwear for school. During play times, students without appropriate footwear will be directed to the area outside of the staffroom. All students must have footwear on for particular curriculum areas such as: Physical Education, Cooking, Science and for activities involving the use of sharp instruments.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle.
Endorsed by KSPS School Council October 2017