

Shirley Smith High School Uniform Procedure

Our Values: Curious Connected Learners, shape the Shirley Smith Way of Being and underpins how we relate to each other and our environment, how we respond to the aspirations of our community, and how we design our learning. All of our procedures, including our Uniform Procedure reflect this.

Rationale

A uniform plays an important role in promoting a positive image of Shirley Smith High School and creating a sense of pride and identity among student learners and the community. The uniform design reflects the values and aspirations of our namesake, Shirley Smith and includes selections for a range of weather conditions and personal needs.



As a newly established school, the 2024 Shirley Smith High School uniform procedures have been developed by the Principal and the Deputy Principal in consultation with our foundational learners, their families, and the wider community. Matters relating to uniform purchase, financial hardship, exemptions, or non-compliance can be raised with the learners' Connect Group Teachers, or by contacting the school, info.shirleysmith@ed.act.edu.au

Non-Compliance

The Principal will enforce wearing of the uniform and may take appropriate disciplinary action when learners intentionally or persistently ignore all reasonable requests to comply. Disciplinary action will not include suspension or prevent the students from participating in their education.

Uniform Selections

The list of uniform selections is outlined below.

STANDARD COMPULSORY ITEMS
Shirley Smith short-sleeved polo
Shirley Smith long-sleeved polo

Shirley Smith hoodie with zipper
Shirley Smith hoodie without zipper
OPTIONAL OWN CHOICE ITEMS
Black, dark grey, or dark blue shorts
Black, dark grey, or dark blue jeans (no rips or frays)
Black, dark grey, or dark blue cargo pants or shorts
Black, dark grey, or dark blue tracksuit pants
Black, dark grey, or dark blue skirt or skort
Black, dark grey, or dark blue athletic leggings or tights
ACCESSORIES
Shirley Smith bucket hat
Shirley Smith wristbands
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
<p><u>APPROPRIATE LENGTH OF SHORTS/ SKIRTS</u></p> <p>We ask that students ensure their shorts/skirts are no shorter than the length of their fist when their arms are straight down by their sides. Students and staff agree that this length strikes a balance between personal comfort and maintaining a respectful and appropriate learning environment.</p>
<p><u>SHOES</u></p> <p>Learners are required to wear fully enclosed clothes at all times (school shoes/boots, sandshoes, sneakers, skate shoes). Platforms, high heels, ballet flats, thongs, ugg boots, slides, and crocs are not acceptable.</p>
<p><u>JEWELLERY AND MAKEUP</u></p> <p>Jewellery items are acceptable as long as they do not pose a risk to safety when using science/technology equipment or participating in physical activities. Make-up is also allowed but should be discreet and appropriate for a learning environment.</p>
<p><u>RAINCOATS AND WINTER JACKETS</u></p> <p>Rain jackets and winter coats should be black and if logos are present they should be small and discreet.</p>
<p><u>SCHOOL BAGS</u></p> <p>School bags can be bought at the families discretion. However it is recommended that backpacks with lumbar support are considered.</p>

Exemptions

Parents may seek an exemption from the Shirley Smith High School uniform for a variety of reasons, including, but not limited to religious, cultural, and medical reasons. Parents must provide a written request to the learners' Connect Group Teacher and Deputy Principal outlining reasons for the exemption. The initial request can be sent via email to info.shirleysmith@ed.act.edu.au

Uniform Purchase

The Shirley Smith Uniform can be purchased at Working Gear in Fyshwick and online through their website. As the school grows, second hand uniforms will become available through the school. In situations of financial hardship, arrangements can be made to supply learners with the correct uniform.

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