

Uniform Handbook



The Cathedral
Grammar School



The Uniform Shop

Students attending the Junior School (Years 1–3) and Preparatory Schools (Years 4–8) of The Cathedral Grammar School wear formal uniform. For sport, there are specified physical education and team uniforms.

In the interests of ensuring uniformity, all items are purchased from the Uniform Shop, located on the school's campus. The Uniform Shop stocks new clothing, Grammar backpacks and sports' bags. A full range of quality second-hand clothing, bags and sporting equipment is also available.

Parents of new pupils should make an appointment with the Uniform Shop manager to outfit the complete uniform. Allow 45 minutes.

Iron on name labels (for internal placement) can be ordered through the

Uniform Shop at any time. Every item of clothing which comes to school must be named, and with the name of the current owner.

A dry-cleaning service is available through the Uniform Shop at the end of each term.

The Uniform Shop accepts payment at the time of purchase by EFTPOS, credit card, or cash. There is a 3% surcharge on any purchase made using a credit card.

Shop hours

Monday 7:45am – 9:30am
Wednesday 2:45pm – 4:00pm

Email:
uniform@cathedralgrammr.school.nz

Formal uniform

Students in Years 1–8 wear their formal uniform to and from school during the school day, and on formal occasions beyond school, such as Cathedral services, music performances and educational visits. The formal uniforms for Junior and Prep School students, are detailed and illustrated on the following pages.

Blazers and caps (for the boys), berets (for girls Years 1–3) or hats (for girls Years 4–8) are worn between home and school. These items are taken off upon arrival at school and hung in each student's own locker during the day.

If the journey home involves a detour elsewhere – the supermarket, for example, the blazer, tie, and cap / beret / hat should be worn as these garments are part of the formal school uniform. Likewise, if a student goes out of school during the day for an appointment, these garments should be worn. The only exception is for students cycling to and from school who, of course, must wear a helmet instead of a cap / hat. However, cyclists must have their caps / hats in school each day in case their class goes off site for any reason.

The only way to name a cap, beret or hat effectively is to iron or sew on a label; biro is seldom effective, legible or long-lasting.

Senior blazers are worn by students in Years 7 and 8. The senior blazer is distinguished by a ribbon lining the collar, lapels and plackets. Year 6 students may opt to hand in their blazers after Prize Giving, and the Uniform Shop will arrange for these blazers to be dry-cleaned and 'ribboned' during the summer holiday.

Students then collect their blazers the week before the new school year begins. Alternatively, Year 6 students may need a new blazer for their senior years: a new blazer may be fitted to which the ribbon can then be attached, or a second-hand senior blazer may be purchased.

Ties are part of the formal uniform. A maroon tie is worn by boys in Years 1–7 (Terms I-IV) and by girls in Years 1–7 (Terms II & III only). Year 8 students are awarded their Year 8 ties at the beginning of their final year to designate their position as Year 8 Mentor Leaders. For students still learning to tie a standard tie, a zip tie is available.

Each student has a jersey (boys) or guernsey (girls). These garments are for warmth in the classroom and outside during breaks. Blazers, tracksuit jackets and fleeces are not worn in classrooms for warmth. Each student requires a jersey or guernsey in school every day, regardless of the temperature and their desire to wear it. These garments are essential, summer or winter, to keep your child warm in the event of a prolonged evacuation outdoors due to any future emergency situations.

Boys may wear long or short-sleeved shirts throughout the year but require one long-sleeved shirt for formal occasions.

Once a Cathedral chorister has achieved full membership of the Cathedral Choir, (usually some time in Year 5), he will be awarded his Cathedral pocket for his blazer and is then entitled to wear black socks. These chorister socks are worn throughout the year.

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Garters are available to hold up boys' formal school socks.

The hemline of each girl's summer dress and winter pinafore (Years 1–3) or summer skirt and winter kilt (Years Y4–8) must measure 5cm below the centre of her kneecap.

Shoes

Students wear black, leather lace-up shoes (boys) or leather T-bar shoes (girls) as part of their formal uniform. Velcro fastenings, black sport-shoe designs, slip-on shoes, ballet slippers, and any other non-lace-up shoe styles or colours are not uniform items and so are not permitted to be worn.

Hair

The wearing of hair is part of the formal school uniform. As such, it is a matter of respect for our uniform, required from students and parents, that students should wear their hair in a manner that does not attract unusual attention. Where respect is not shown, the Principal, Deputy Head or Dean may require a student to wear another style. This may include the requirement to have another haircut. Dyed and bleached hair are not permitted.

Boys' hair should be cut clear of the shirt collar and the ears. The fringe should be of one even length, no longer than the eyebrows. Hair should be a uniform length, i.e. the same length all over the head, (e.g. not short sides and longer on top.) Hair should be not shorter than a number 5 razor. Boys' hair which is naturally very curly should be kept cut to a respectful length / height.

Girls' hair should be free of the face. Where a fringe is worn, it should be of one even length, no longer than the eyebrows. If no fringe, the hair must be kept free of the face using a hair band or clips. Short hair should be clear of the collar, of a uniform length, (e.g. not short sides and longer on top) and no shorter than a number 5 razor. Girls' hair bands, ties, ribbons and clips must be coloured maroon, black, silver or white.

Make up

Make-up of any type, including nail polish, is not worn by students at school. Should a student wish to present a medical-cosmetic reason to wear make-up, permission should be sought from the student's Dean.

Watches & Jewellery

If, for cultural or family reasons, a girl or boy must wear an item of jewellery (other than earrings), it must not be visible. Only the following earrings are permissible: one single 3mm (or smaller) gold or silver stud worn in each earlobe.

Watches and jewellery of any sort are worn at the owner's risk.

The school and staff collectively and individually take no responsibility under any circumstances for lost watches or items of jewellery.

Boys' Junior School Uniform Years 1–3

Summer

- Cap
- Blazer
- Tie
- Jersey
- White striped short-sleeved shirt
- White striped long-sleeve shirt (for formal occasions)
- Charcoal Shorts
- Montreal Grey socks
- Black formal leather lace-up shoes

Winter

- Cap
- Blazer
- Tie
- Jersey
- White striped short-sleeved shirt
- White striped long-sleeved shirt (for formal occasions)
- Grey woollen shorts
- Grey woollen socks
- Black formal leather lace-up shoes

Girls' Junior School Uniform Years 1–3

Summer

- Beret
- Blazer
- Guernsey
- Summer dress
- White ankle socks
- Black lace-up or T-bar shoes

Winter

- Beret
- Blazer
- Guernsey
- Tie
- White long-sleeved shirt
- Pinafore
- Black long socks or tights
- Black lace-up or T-bar shoes

Boys' Prep School Uniform (Years 4–8)

Summer

- Cap
- Blazer
- Tie
- Jersey
- White striped short-sleeved shirt
- White striped long-sleeved shirt (for formal occasions)
- Charcoal shorts
- Montreal grey socks
- Black leather lace-up shoes

Winter

- Cap
- Blazer
- Tie
- Jersey
- White striped short-sleeved shirt
- White striped long-sleeved shirt (for formal occasions)
- Grey woollen shorts
- Grey woollen socks
- Black leather lace-up shoes

Girls' Prep School Uniform (Years 4–8)

Summer

- Hat
- Blazer
- White fitted-over blouse
- Skirt
- Guernsey
- White ankle socks
- Black leather lace-up or T-bar shoes

Winter

- Hat
- Blazer
- Guernsey
- Tie
- White long-sleeved shirt
- Kilt
- Black long socks or tights
- Black leather lace-up or T-bar shoes

Physical Education

The Junior and Preparatory School uniforms to be worn for physical education lessons and sports' activities, inter-House competitions and school championships are detailed and illustrated on the following pages.

Each student has a school sports' bag in which PE & sports' uniform is transported to and from school and events, and in which PE & sports' uniforms are stored in the student's locker.

Each Preparatory School student has a two-piece school tracksuit, and each Junior School student has a maroon polar fleece and a pair of black tracksuit pants. .

The maroon polar fleece is an optional garment for Preparatory School students, and can be worn during play times or under the tracksuit. The fleece may not be worn in the classroom; it is not an alternative to the jersey (boys) or guernsey (girls). Each student requires their tracksuit or fleece / tracksuit pants in school every day, regardless of their physical education commitments. These garments are essential, summer and winter, to keep your child warm in the event of a prolonged evacuation outdoors due to any emergency situation.

Occasionally students may go home in physical education uniform. Unless it is very hot, this means in physical education uniform with a full tracksuit or fleece / tracksuit pants over the top.

The physical education uniform and formal uniform do not mix. Students wear one version of uniform or the other. Wearing physical education uniform with a blazer or with black shoes are not acceptable looks. If a student does not have a full tracksuit and the correct shoes, the only option is to change back into formal uniform to go home. The 1st XI cricket team, for which the school blazer is part of a player's travelling uniform, is the only exception to this.

A sunhat is part of the physical education uniform for Terms I & IV: a maroon sunhat with a neck flap for Years 1-3 students; black sunhats for Years 4-8 pupils. Sunhats are required in school each day during Terms I & IV to be worn for morning tea and lunch breaks. The only way to name the black sunhat is to iron or sew on a label.

Each student is expected to have a small tube of sunblock for personal use. This sunblock should be named, and kept in a re-sealable bag in the student's sports' bag.

Students wear sports' shoes for physical education, sporting events, and morning tea and lunch play times.

Junior School Physical Education Uniform (Years 1–3)

- House polo
- Black and white shorts
- White socks
- Sports' shoes
- Maroon sunhat
- Black tracksuit pants
- Maroon polar fleece
- Junior sports' bag

Prep School Physical Education Uniform (Years 4–8)

- House shirt
- Black shorts
- Tracksuit jacket and pants
- White socks
- Sports' shoes
- Black sunhat
- Prep sports' bag

Optional:

- Maroon polar fleece
- Boys' Winter PE Uniform
- Striped rugby jersey (Terms II & III)
- Optional for girls

Sports Teams

The uniform requirements for wearing a tracksuit (Years 4–8) or fleece / tracksuit pants (Years 1–3) apply to a pupil representing the school as an individual, and in a team in any sporting event, be it a weekly competition, a one-off event or an interschool exchange.

Years 4–8 students who represent the school in a selected team (e.g. tennis, cross-country, athletics) or an after-school club team (e.g. basketball, touch rugby) will be given a team singlet or shirt to wear for the event or season. These garments are bar-coded and scanned out under each student's name like a library

book. A bond equivalent to the replacement cost of the garment is charged to the pupil's school account. Upon the return of the garment, washed and in good condition, the bond will be credited to the account, less a hire fee of \$5.00 per event or \$15.00 per season.

Team Uniforms

Netball

- Maroon Netball shirt
- Velcro skort
- White ankle socks
- Sports' shoes
- Tracksuit jacket and pants (Y4–8)
- Fleece / tracksuit pants (Y3)
- Prep or Junior sports' bag

Optional items:

- Beanie
- Thermal singlet

Cricket & Tennis

- White & Maroon shirt
- White sports' shorts
- Tracksuit jacket and pants (Y4–8)
- White ankle socks
- Sports' shoes
- Black sunhat or black cap or cricket sunhat

Optional:

- Maroon polar fleece

Hockey

- Maroon shirt
- Velcro skort (girls)
- Black shorts (boys)
- Maroon hockey socks
- Sports' shoes
- Tracksuit jacket and pants (Y4–8)
- Prep sports' bag
- Hockey stick
- Shin pads
- Mouthguard

Optional items:

- Beanie
- Thermal singlet
- Protective gloves

Swimming

All pupils participate in school swimming events each year. Pre-School and Y1- 5 pupils have blocks of swimming lessons, the school swimming sports (Y4-8) are held in Term I, and the Y4-8 outdoor education activities in Terms I & IV involve swimming.

Each student requires a one-piece pair of swimming togs: not board shorts or a bikini. The school does not have uniform togs.

Every Junior School pupil is expected to wear

a swimming cap, both as an aid to managing hair and water-in-the-eyes issues, and to help keep the pupil warm during lessons. Girls with hair below collar length must wear swimming caps.

School swimming caps are available for purchase at the Uniform Shop.

Badges

The school has a wide range of badges which are worn on blazer lapels. These badges must be worn according to the Badge Policy.

The photograph shows on which lapel these badges should be worn. The triangular School Badge and the plain-coloured House bar badge are optional. These are available for purchase at the Uniform Shop. Maroon bar badges are presented to students as they represent the school in various teams, service

groups and music ensembles. The Badge Policy outlines the criteria by which each maroon badge can be awarded. The cost of each badge is charged to the recipient's school account.

The Badge Policy also outlines what other sort of badges (i.e. non-Grammar ones) may be worn, when and for how long (e.g. badges for chess levels, Daffodil Day, school exchanges.)

Senior Blazers Years 7-8

Senior blazers are worn by students in Years 7 and 8. The senior blazer is distinguished by a ribbon lining the collar, lapels and plackets.