



Apī Te Uki Ou

School Uniform Policy

CIAG 5

Akakoro'anga (Purpose)

Te Uki Ou School designed their own school uniform when they began as a Primary School in 1993. This uniform policy is written to ensure that:

- The original intentions/concepts are not lost,
- Developments and/or changes are clearly recorded.
- Confusion and misunderstandings are minimised.

The benefits of a school uniform include:

- Our school uniform quickly identifies us. Having a uniform eliminates fashion shows, competition and class distinction.
- A uniform assists parents/guardians, as they do not have to worry about purchasing or selecting clothes for school.
- The blue and white pareu design was chosen because it represents the Cook Islands, goes away from the typical "colonial style" wear and is tidy & fresh looking

Te au Kaveinga (Guidelines)

1. When deciding on any uniform requirements, it is important that an ongoing supply be guaranteed and that the cost is reasonable.
2. Daily travel to and from school will always be in full school uniform. The exceptions are on a mufti day or for a sports outing.
3. For a sports outing, school sports or any physical activities, a full school sports uniform, or the team uniform if different, must be worn.
4. After these sports sessions, all students must put on a full school uniform again.
5. Shoes are optional at all times unless a particular request is made for shoes to be worn e.g. requests from sports codes or when going on trips.
6. In cooler weather students are allowed to wear a school jersey and/or jacket when in and out of class. However, a teacher may request that a child take warm clothes off when inside to save overheating. This item should be navy blue and free of writing and prints.
7. The only jewellery pieces that a student may wear at school are a watch, a medic alert bracelet and a total of two ear studs.
8. Hair must be kept clean, neat, free of head lice & eggs, and off the face. For both males and females all hair below shoulder length must be plaited. No hair dye, colouring or fancy hair accessories are permitted. Hair styles are to be appropriate for school and must not distract others in the learning environment i.e. conservative.
9. Makeup, nail polish and other decorations are not permitted. Fingernails must be kept short i.e. they cannot be seen when the nail side is facing away from you

Girls Uniform

- Daily - Pinafore worn by itself or with a plain white blouse underneath.
- Sports – A school sports t-shirt or singlet with school pareu or school navy shorts.

Boys Uniform

- Daily – School navy shorts and pareu shirt. In winter they may wear plain white or navy blue t-shirt or singlet underneath.
- Sports – A school sports t-shirt or singlet with school navy shorts.

In Cooler Weather

- Students have a choice of a school polar fleece vest, zip jacket or tracksuit top. They may also bring a plain navy blue item from home that is print and writing free. These may be ordered at Tukis.

Note: The formal school pareu can be purchased at Tukis and replaces the Tavs pareu. Navy shorts must be standard school wear and can be purchased from Tuki's or Vonnia's.





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Responsibilities, Exemptions, and Modifications

1. It is the responsibility of the parents or guardians to ensure that all property is named.
2. While we do our best to help students look after their property and provide a storage place for lost property, loss of property is ultimately the responsibility of the student.
3. Mufti is never to be worn at school unless it is mufti day or the school gives special exemption. To gain an exemption a reasonable request by parents or guardians must be given in writing and will be considered by the Principal.
4. If a teacher believes that the wearing of a sweatshirt or jacket is becoming a barrier to learning e.g. overheating in class, a teacher may request that a student take off the extra clothing.
5. For sun protection students may wear a hat if they are to be outside for more than an hour. However, when a child is playing sports it is understood that a hat may not be suitable wear and so will be taken off until the game is over.
6. As ambassadors of our school, we require our students and staff to be well presented. We expect students and their uniforms to be neat, clean and in good repair.

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Signed:		
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