



BLACKFRIARS

P R I O R Y S C H O O L

Personal Presentation Policy 2017

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Context

As the only school founded by the Dominican Friars in Australia, Blackfriars Priory School remains faithful to the search for Truth (*Veritas*) as lived and taught over the last 800 years by the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), and exemplified by Saint Dominic, our Founder, and Saint Albert the Great, our Patron.

Saint Dominic's commitment to study continued throughout his life. The pursuit of knowledge was not for its own sake but to better understand God's creation and its use in the works of the Order has continued through the centuries. Today, Dominicans can be found throughout the world.

An early member of the Dominicans was Saint Albert the Great. He became a lecturer, scientist, philosopher and Bishop. After his death he was recognised as a Doctor of the Church. The *Doctor Universalis* – The Universal Doctor, in recognition of his extraordinary genius and extensive knowledge, for he studied every branch of learning known at his time. His quest for knowledge saw him study everything he could find as it was through learning about creation, that he was able to know more about the creator, God, and then hand on that information to all he taught.

The lifelong commitment of Saint Dominic and Saint Albert to discovering and applying Truth to hand on to others remains at the core of the Blackfriars teaching pedagogy and its community. Blackfriars is built upon the Four Pillars of Dominican Life: Prayer, Study, Community Life and Service.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to articulate the policy position of Blackfriars Priory School in relation to the students' personal presentation at the senior school.

Principles

- A recognizable school uniform identifies students as belonging to the Blackfriars Priory School community.
- Through their uniforms, students show that they are proud of themselves and this larger community to which they belong; the respect one has internally for a person or institution is expressed outwardly through their appearance.
- An established uniform, clearly stated and monitored with minimal options, also allows students to remain focused on the serious endeavour of attaining knowledge, wisdom and grace, rather than on current fashion, fads, or popularity.
- Each student is encouraged to take pride in his personal appearance and develop habits of neatness, order, good taste, modesty and school spirit.
- His appearance should always be neat and clean, which is conducive to the serious academic work taking place in the classroom.
- Blackfriars Priory School considers student dress and presentation to be primarily parental and student responsibilities. Parents are expected to support the school's policy by ensuring their son complies with the uniform code on a daily basis.

Scope

This policy applies to all Middle and Senior Students of the Blackfriars Priory School community.

Policy

Uniform

Wearing the school uniform is a requirement of all students attending Blackfriars Priory School. The following standards apply:

- The school uniform is to be worn in its complete and approved form (Figure 1).
 - (i) When the students are travelling to and from school.
 - (ii) To each class.
 - (iii) To all official school functions (unless directed otherwise).
- The summer uniform is to be worn in Terms 1 and 4; the winter uniform is to be worn in Terms 2 and 3 as outlined in (Figure1).
- The school PE uniform is to be worn in its complete and approved form (Figure 3). Middle school students may wear PE uniform to and from school only on the days of their timetabled PE lessons.
- It is an expectation that students wear the official school co-curriculum uniform at all co-curriculum events.
- All students must wear the school bucket hat during recess and lunch in terms 1, 3 and 4 or they will be asked to move to an approved shaded area as per the school's SunSmart Policy.
- The Year 12 Jumper is an OPTIONAL item in terms of purchase and it can only be worn on the allocated school day and is not considered part of the official uniform. The Year 12 Jumper cannot be worn at formal occasions.

There will be some occasions when students will be permitted to wear casual clothing. Students should choose clothing items that reflect the ethos of the School. The following guidelines will apply:

- Clothing should be neat, clean and free of graffiti, not damaged and with no offensive slogans.
- Thongs and bare feet are not permitted.
- Tank tops and singlets are not permitted.

Hair Styles and Shaving

- Hair styles for boys should be tidy and not grown or cut in an extreme or exaggerated fashion (Figure 2).
- Hair must be at least a "number 2" cut.
- Hair that is dyed an unnatural colour is not in keeping with the school uniform.
- Long hair is to be pulled back away from the face in a low knot.
- It is the expectation of the School that all students will be clean shaven.

Bags and Carrying Items

- The only approved bags, which students may use, are the official Blackfriars Priory School backpack and satchel.
- This must be maintained free of graffiti and other slogans.

- School backpacks are to be stored in a student's locker before Home Group and collected at the completion of the final lesson. School backpacks are not to be taken to lessons due the WHS risks.

Jewellery and other personal items

- Jewellery and body piercing are not permitted with the school uniform.
- The covering of piercings with a band-aid is not acceptable. The only exception relates to watches, small discrete bracelets or necklace of religious significance.
- The only badges to be worn are approved school badges.
- Visible tattoos are not permitted.

If there are significant reasons as to why the school uniform policy cannot be followed, this needs to be initially discussed and consulted through the Home Group teacher, with repeated or extreme offences to the Head of House directly.

Definitions

N/A

Related Documents/Links

N/A

Policy Implementation

Responsibility for implementation, monitoring and review of the policy is vested at the level of the following roles:

All teaching staff, in particular Home Group Teachers and Wellbeing Team.

Policy Review

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Approval Authority

Blackfriars Priory School

Position Responsible

Deputy Principal