

SCHOOL UNIFORM



A new uniform was introduced from the start of 2021 to replace the old uniform.

The Board of Trustees decided to sell the new uniform exclusively online through Argyle Clothing from Auckland. This enables the Board to keep the cost of the uniform affordable to our families and to maintain quality of supply.

For more information and to order your uniform, please click on the following link: www.argyleonline.co.nz and click on 'Shop ArgyleOnLine' and scroll down to our school.

New innovations include a wider variety of items and the ability to provide bespoke items for students who may:

- Need different sizes from those normally offered.
- Require longer skirts for cultural and religious purposes.
- Wish to wear cultural items such as a lava-lava.

If you would like your child to try on the uniform before purchasing please contact Michele Fogarty at mfogarty@otuinterschool.nz to arrange a suitable time. You will also be given assistance to order online while at school.

Uniform Options:

From Argyle Clothing:

- Polo top
 - Dress shorts
 - Skirt
 - Track pants
 - Softshell jacket
 - Sweatshirt
 - Sports shorts
 - Sports top
 - Lava-lava
 - Raincoat
- compulsory for Physical Education
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- ordered through school, not online
- only offered once a year towards the end of term 1 and sold through school not online



From School:

- Beanies plain black. No logos or badges.
- Sunhats. We have four styles available: military style cap, baseball cap, wide brimmed hat, bucket hat (all in black). No logos, badges or stickers.

NB: If students wish to provide their own hats they must be the same as above without logos, badges or stickers.

Footwear:

- Black shoes overall (white soles, grey or white logos acceptable).
- Black sandals.
- Black or white ankle socks. (these must be plain with no logos or insignia)



Students should wear shoes with soles no thicker than 3cm and with the front of the foot fully covered. The shoes must be predominantly black overall. Logos or other insignia in another colour other than black, grey or white are not acceptable. Where shoes have laces they may be black or white as purchased and must be done up.

Boots (any footwear that comes over the ankle including sandals), high heeled shoes and sports type shoes with other colours than black or white are not acceptable.

Students may wear their black shoes or sandals all year round.

The school encourages parents to buy shoes made of leather for weather proofing and hygiene reasons, however, this is at parents' discretion.



Clothing that is not acceptable at school:

- Non-school uniform items unless during a mufti day.
- Non-school hoodies, jackets and other tops.
- Sports tights worn on their own.
- $\frac{3}{4}$ length stockings or tights.
- High socks.
- Bandanas.

Winter Options for terms two and three:

- The students may wear black stockings or black tights under their black skirt.
- The students are able to wear a black, grey, green or yellow scarf.

Grooming Bylaw:

The school's grooming bylaw is intended to be age appropriate yet inclusive of all cultures and religious beliefs. Our focus is on students being able to learn in a supportive environment without unnecessary distractions.

Expectations:

- All students are to wear their uniform correctly and with pride to and from school each day.
- All students are expected to look natural in appearance.
- Only hair colours in the natural human hair range are acceptable. Purple, orange, lime green etc are not acceptable.
- Hair must be well groomed and tidy.
- Long hair must be tied back during technology classes.

Jewellery permitted at school:

- Plain studs, plain sleeper or a spacer less than 10mm may be worn in each ear.
- Watch.
- Medic Alert bracelet.
- One necklet which can be either a thin, plain chain or leather thong with or without a small attachment.
- Taonga such as a religious pendant, greenstone pendant or bone carving. (These may be worn in full view but will need to be tucked under the top in the hard materials workshop.)
- Religious bracelet.
- Hair ties.
- One small nose stud.

Jewellery not permitted at school

- For health and safety reasons, dangling earrings of any length are not permitted.
- Rings.
- Nose rings.
- Bangles or bracelets.
- Neckbands, thick chains, pearl or bead necklaces.
- Ankle adornments.
- Visible body piercings other than a plain nose stud.

Cultural or Religious considerations:

- Variations to the school's grooming bylaw for religious or cultural reasons will be treated on a case-by-case basis.

Keeping Sun Smart

The school takes student health and wellbeing seriously and actively promotes the SLIP, SLOP, SLAP and WRAP sun smart message from the New Zealand Cancer Society. We encourage students to put on sunblock before coming to school, wear a hat and sunglasses.

Sun Hats:

All students are expected to wear a sunhat during the summer terms and these are compulsory items in terms one and four. They can be purchased from the School Resource Room.

Sunglasses:

Sunglasses are an optional item that we encourage students to wear in the summer terms. They should be black, preferably a wraparound style and have a UV rating.

Why We Believe Sunglasses at School are Important:

As soon as the sun comes out, we all know we should slap on sunscreen and put on a hat to protect ourselves against ultraviolet rays. These can burn the skin, causing premature ageing and cancer. What many people don't realise is that UV rays can also cause serious and potentially irreversible damage to our eyes. In fact, eyes are ten times more sensitive to UV light than the skin, according to the British Eye Care Trust.

It is children who are most at risk, because younger eyes have bigger pupils and clearer lenses, allowing up to 70 per cent more UV light to reach the retina than an adult's eye does.

Worldwide, experts are urging adults and children to wear sunglasses as soon as the sun comes out - winter or summer. Even when it is overcast, UV light penetrates into the eyes and experts advise wearing sunglasses whenever the UV rating is three or higher.

Sun damage is linked to serious eye problems such as age-related macular degeneration (AMD), the leading cause of irreversible blindness in the industrial world. Sunlight is also linked to other eye conditions including cataracts, pterygia (benign growths on the white of the eye, which can end up blocking vision) and skin cancer of the eyelid. Very bright sunlight - reflected off sand, snow, water or the pavement - can cause immediate damage to the cornea, the eye's surface.

One of the most effective ways to protect our eyes is to wear sunglasses.

On the next pages are examples of what are and what are not acceptable uniform or grooming items at our school:

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SCHOOL UNIFORM



BLACK SANDALS



BLACK SHOES



BLACK DRESS SHORTS



BLACK SKIRT



SCHOOL SWEATSHIRT



SCHOOL SOFTSHELL JACKET



**SCHOOL SPORTS TOP
BLACK SPORT SHORTS**



SCHOOL POLO TOP



BLACK WIDE BRIM SUN HAT



BLACK BUCKET SUNHAT



BLACK CAP SUN HAT



UV SUNGLASSES



BLACK TRACK PANTS



SKIRT WITH BLACK STOCKINGS OR TIGHTS



BLACK BEANIE



**A SCARF IN SCHOOL COLORS
GREEN, YELLOW,
BLACK OR GREY**

**** BLUE | WINTER ADDITIONS ****

DO'S OIS UNIFORM



**NECKLET
SMALL PENDANT**



THIN NECKLET



SMALL SLEEPER



SMALL STUD



WATCH



MEDICAL



TAONGA



NATURAL HAIR



**PREDOMINATLY BLACK
SMALL LABEL**



**PREDOMINATLY BLACK
SMALL LABEL**



PLAIN BLACK



BLACK SANDALS



**PLAIN SOCKS
NO LABELS**



**PLAIN SOCKS
NO LABELS**



NOSE STUD



NATURAL NAILS

DON'TS

OIS UNIFORM



LARGE HOOPS



DANGLE EARRINGS



LARGE STUDS



PEARL EARRINGS



CHAINS



NECKLACES



PEARLS



**BRACELETS, BANGLES
AND/OR ANKLETS**



RINGS



NOSE RINGS



**UNNATURAL
NAILS**



**UNNATURAL
HAIR COLOR**



HOODIES



LABELS



**KNEE
HIGH SOCKS**



**COLOURED
LABELS**



**HIGH TOP
SKATE SHOES**



**UNNATURAL MAKE UP
NATURAL LOOK ONLY**



WHITE SHOES



CHECKERED SHOES



**STRAP SANDALS
OR JANDALS**



**WEARING BIKE SHORTS
AS PE SHORTS**



**SPORTS TIGHTS OR
LEGGINGS ON THEIR OWN**