

Introduction

The purpose of this policy document is to define the principles, aims and organisation of uniform within Melrose and The Ladies' College Pre-Preparatory and to provide a framework which

- Promotes consistency in school planning and practice
- Facilitates development and change
- Informs all new staff, pupils, parents, governors and the wider community.

Principles

- Girls should be encouraged to take pride in themselves and to care for themselves
- Girls should take pride in the school
- There is appropriate dress for different occasions

Aims

- We aim to set a good example and encourage high personal standards
- We aim to encourage girls to look their best at all times

Strategies

- A uniform list is included in the Pre-Preparatory, Preparatory Department and the Junior Department Handbooks. (Also included as appendices)
- All teachers are responsible for ensuring that standards are maintained.
- All items of clothing are to be clearly named. Names must be written in shoes.
- The correct uniform is to be worn at all times.
- The teacher responsible as children leave school ensures that the children go home looking smart with coats buttoned / zipped up and socks pulled up.
- Lost property. All items found will be placed either in the lost property box in the Junior cloakroom or at the bottom of the main stair case for the Preparatory Department. Such items will be cleared once per week and announced in assemblies.
- Only official school badges and reward stickers may be worn on uniform. They should be worn on blazers in summer uniform and tunics in winter. Birthday badges may be worn on the appropriate day.
- Ear-rings – only plain studs allowed. (see P.E. Policy)
Watches must be plain, inexpensive and named, with a plain gold, silver, black or green strap. Watches may be worn to school on the understanding that the school accepts no responsibility for loss. Fitbits or similar items are not allowed.

Requests for Variation in the School Uniform

Although the Ladies' College, Melrose and the Ladies' College Pre-Preparatory have Christian roots, we do not select for entry on the basis of religious belief and we welcome people of all faiths. However, parents should be aware that all pupils at Melrose and the Ladies' College Pre-Preparatory are required to wear a uniform. The Head Teacher will consider written requests from parents for variations in the uniform on religious grounds that are consistent with the school's ethos and its policy on health and safety. The Head Teacher may take expert advice, and will normally arrange to meet with the parents to discuss the implications of such a request.

Resources

Fletcher sports

Second hand uniform shop. This is run by the P.T.A.

Strategies for Reporting

Phonecalls, letters or discussions with parents.

Comments in twice yearly reports as and when necessary.