



Uniform Q & A

Q: Why is the school changing their uniform?

- In 2018 the School Board updated the school crest in an effort to modernise the look of the school and appeal to the wider community. This involved a new design that acknowledged the Dominican history with its Dominican Cross, a return to the motto Veritas, as well as including elements that were not previously included in the School crest, such as the name of the School, and an acknowledgement of the school's namesake, Our Lady, with the visual inclusion of the Crown. Updates on the school crest and resulting new uniform have been communicated to parents via the newsletter and email throughout 2018 and 2019.

Q: Will I need to purchase the new uniform straight away for my child/children?

- The new uniform is available for purchase at the end of Term 4, 2019, however students may continue to wear the current school uniform until the end of 2023. At the commencement of 2024 all students must be wearing the new school uniform.

Q: If my child has grown out of some, but not all, of the current uniform items, can they wear a mix of both old and new school uniforms?

- Students must wear either the current or new uniform in full. For instance, if your child has grown out of the current academic uniform, but not the sports uniform, they will be required to purchase the full new academic uniform, but are permitted to wear the current sports uniform (and vice versa).
- Mixing of the current and new school uniforms is not permitted (e.g. current sports polo with new sports shorts or current pinafore with new school shirt). The only exception to this will be for Year 6 students in 2020, who may purchase new items if they have grown out of them, and wear them with the existing current school uniform.
- Non-branded substitutes that were permitted in 2019 (i.e. plain maroon jacket or track pants), will not be permitted from the commencement of 2020 onwards.

Q: How was the new uniform chosen?

- The School Board sourced a number of quotes and considered the existing three (3) suppliers along with three (3) new suppliers and evaluated them based on cost, quality, production quantities and timing to produce the uniform.
- The supplier chosen - Nell Gray - produce uniforms for over 80 schools in Australia and offered flexibility in their production, as well as a high quality but affordable uniform.
- Nell Gray were asked to produce designs for OLA and these designs were approved by the School Board. The School Board requested designs that reflected a more modern, gender neutral and comfortable uniform for students and the simplicity of

having one academic uniform year round. Similarly, new fabrics have been incorporated into the sports uniforms for the comfort of students during warmer and cooler months. The addition of the reversible hat will also allow for greater flexibility at sporting events.

Q: How can we purchase the uniform now we no longer have a uniform shop on-site?

- The uniforms can be purchased directly from Nell Gray, either through their website (www.nellgray.com.au) or by visiting their store Uniform Concepts at 832 Beaufort St Inglewood (this is only around 4km from the school - see [map](#) below).
- This provides greater convenience with the online store open any time and delivery to your home, or with the shopfront open 6 days a week.
- The sale of all uniforms and backpacks will be through Nell Gray. The sale of chair bags and homework folders will continue through end of year booklists and via the school's Administration.

