

# Cambridge International School

## Student Uniform & Dress Code Policy and Procedures

NAME OF POLICY	Student Uniform and Dress Code
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RELATED POLICIES	

## Rationale

The aim of our uniform is for students to present a neat, work like appearance at all times and to take pride in being members of Cambridge International School Dubai. Personal appearance is very important and a high standard is expected of all students at all times, both inside CIS campus and outside in the local community. We particularly ask for parents' support and cooperation in this respect as the students are our ambassadors and how they look reflects on all of us, this includes on their way to, at, and on the way home from the school. It is a symbol by which students are recognised within the community and it fosters a sense of pride for, and respect of, the learning environment.

## Uniform General

Full and correct uniform must be worn in and whilst travelling to and from CIS. This also applies afterschool and travelling home after activities and all school trips unless otherwise instructed by a member of staff. Full uniform must also be worn to all Parent Teacher consultations and other formal CIS events.

- Shirts/blouses should be of an appropriate size (not overlarge) and boy's shirts should be properly tucked in at the waist at all times.
- Only the CIS school jumper/pullover/sweater may be worn, when not in use it should not be tied around the waist.
- Trousers/skirts/Shirt Sleeves should not be rolled up.
- Belts are optional.
- Shoes should be polished regularly.
- Students are reminded that they should change out of CIS uniform and into casual clothes at the end of the day to attend social events.
- No visible body modifications such as tattoos and piercings are allowed, **Henna Tattoos** are only acceptable for religious/cultural reasons.
- Uniform must conform to the uniform policy (refer to Appendix 1) and must be purchased from our supplier.
- Ties are to be worn every day for all students from Primary onwards i.e. Year 3 onwards.
- Please make sure you clearly label all uniform items, also including all bags, lunchboxes, water bottles and other personal belongings. Please help us to return lost items to you as quickly as possible by ensuring they are clearly named.

**If a student fails to meet the school uniform requirements, the student will be requested to amend this with immediate effect; if this is not possible they will be required to remain at home until such time as they can meet the school's expectations.**

**Uniform for boys:** (refer to appendix 1 for more detail)

1. Prescribed school trouser & shirt
2. School Tie (Primary students – Year 3 onwards)
3. School ID-card with blue lanyard
4. Black school shoes (refer to Appendix 2)
5. PE uniform with running sports shoes, predominantly white

**Uniform for girls:** (refer to appendix 1 for more detail)

1. Prescribed school shirt, knee covered skirt (If you are wearing a short skirt then you should wear a full length covered tights),
2. Scarf / Cross-Tie
3. School ID-card with blue lanyard
4. Black school shoes (refer to Appendix 2)
5. PE uniform with running sports shoes, predominantly white

## PE uniform and expectations:

Our students participate in a wide range of Physical Education lessons. For these lessons, they will need to wear the appropriate PE kit. Students are allowed to come to school in their PE kit on the days in which they have PE. Hats and

water bottles need to be brought for every lesson. Cleats/Football shoes (shoes with spikes) should not be worn for PE unless instructed by the PE teacher.

1. Physical Education is a compulsory part of the curriculum up to Year 11 and optional in Y12/13. Students are always expected to be in their PE kit on PE days, even if they are injured or unwell. PE staff will adapt their activities to suit student needs.
2. Only on receiving a doctor's certificate or note from the parent will a student be excused from participating in any form of PE.
3. Generally speaking, if you are well enough to be in school, you are well enough to take part in some of the physical activity.
4. Any child who does not follow this expectation receives a warning the first time and a lunch time detention the second time. The PE teacher will inform parents when this persists.

### **Hairstyles**

**Girls:** Hair should be tied back fully off the face. The sensible use of hair accessories is acceptable to keep hair orderly and neat e.g. Alice band, hairband, clips, slides elastic bands etc. as long as they are plain and match school colours i.e. white, burgundy or black. Make up and all nail polish may not be worn by any student.

**Boys:** Hair must be well off the collar and off the ears and face, no shorter than a number 2 barber cut. Shaved heads are not acceptable. We request no coloured gel, wax or mouse etc. to be used when styling and care must be taken not to create an exaggerated style. Boys are expected to be clean shaven as this is also part of their neat business like personal presentation. If a boy wishes to refrain from shaving for religious reasons, parents are requested to communicate directly to the Learning Manager. Facial hair is acceptable for boys in Post-16, provided it is neatly groomed.

**All students:** We request that hair must be of a neutral colour rather than a bright, obvious or unnatural. We also request that the hairstyle itself is neat and modest. If these students' hairstyles contravene any of the above requirements the student will be requested to amend this with immediate effect and if this is not possible they will be required to remain at home until such time as their hair has returned to an acceptable condition.

### **Jewellery**

- All students may wear a watch.
- Students may use small studs in earlobes and these should be removed for PE. No other piercings are permitted.
- Jewellery items of a religious significance may only be worn with prior approval by CIS following a formal written parent request.



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## PLEASE REMEMBER

Adidas, Nike, Puma, Van, Slazenger, Asics, Converse, LaCoste, Ellesse, New Balance, Reebok, Toms and other trainers makes do not make school shoes, so **if they are made by one of these companies they WILL NOT BE SCHOOL SHOES.**

## HIGH STANDARDS

Teenagers can be very head strong and they may try to persuade you that “everyone else wears shoes like this”. Please support the school by only purchasing proper black, leather school shoes. **Students in the wrong shoes will be asked to buy new ones, even if they have only just bought the wrong ones.**

## Acceptable GIRLS School Shoes

The following are examples of girl's black leather school shoes:



## Not Acceptable GIRLS School Shoes

The following are not leather school shoes and should not be worn:





## Acceptable BOYS School Shoes

The following are examples of boy's black leather school shoes:



## Not Acceptable BOYS School Shoes

The following are not leather school shoes and should not be worn:

