Uniform Update



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Thank you for all the feedback you provided on the proposed options for school uniforms.

The RLPS Uniform Committee and P&C Uniform Shop are pleased to announce the introduction of some new items and options to the school uniform collection to accommodate requirements of students in our K-6 school.

As previously communicated, the uniform will offer a number of "mix and match" items that are designed to be worn throughout the year. We will be taking a phased approach over the next 5 years to allow all families the chance to transition as required. For now, we are introducing 2 new items

- 1. New piped track pants
- 2. New zip up jacket

The other exciting news is that we will shortly be going live on Flexischools for ordering your items, which will be processed twice per week.

The uniform shop will also be open from 9:00am – 9:30am for sizing on Tuesdays and Fridays (subject to change).

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The 5 year phased approach

Each phase will be varied in length with a view that in <u>Term 1</u> of 2025 all students will have transitioned to the revised uniform

Flexischools ordering

New process for ordering online via Flexischools will be available from Term 4

Year 6 specific items

Each year, the seniors of the school will have specific customized pieces for their final year at RLPS

Lookbook

We have created a uniform lookbook to show the current and future range

Why the uniform is changing

As RLPS is now a K-6 school, there is the requirement to consider the comfort of all students while they participate in the full range of school activities; have items that are suitable for all body shapes; and allow students a choice in bottoms whilst being more practical and modern with tops.

The RLPS Uniform Committee (Mrs Suzanna Park, Ms Manjoosh Joshi, Mrs Stewart-Slaats and Mrs Ellis) have been working to source items consistent with work health and safety, antidiscrimination and equal opportunity legislation.

For further information on policy click here: <u>NSW</u> DoE School Uniform Policy

Timelines

During the five-year transition period, certain items will be phased out. This means that the uniform shop will no longer reorder those items from suppliers.

The phased-out items remain part of the uniform collection until the end of the five-year transition period. They can continue to be worn by students until the end of 2024 school year.

Year 6 specific items

Each cohort of Year 6 students will be able to purchase and wear their year specific shirts and jerseys/jackets as started this year with our current seniors of the school.

The items will designed/decided by students when they are at the end of Year 5 so their specific year items will be ready to wear from Term 1 as a Year 6 students. This is managed separately via a parent committee and the items are purchased separately to Uniform Shop.

Uniform Lookbook

A lookbook of all uniform items is now available. Please refer to this to see the uniform collection.

Five Year Phased Approach

The transition is phased for several reasons. To manage down existing uniform stock and allow the gradual replacement of items to minimise financial outlay for families.

Phase 1 - 2019

- > introduce green track pants with white piping
- > introduce zip up jackets

Phase 2 & beyond - 2020 onwards

- > introduce other items to the range that were on display during the survey period
- More details to be provided at a later date, however we do not expect to change over the next phase in 2019

Ordering Process

The Uniform Shop will process Flexischools orders and send items home with students as per the current process. You can place an order online to be processed on Tuesdays or Fridays each week.

Those not on Flexischools can continue to use current form as found on SkoolBag.

Feel free to ask for a sample to try if required. As mentioned, the uniform shop will be open from 9:00am – 9:30am for sizing on Tuesdays and Fridays (subject to change).

Uniform Shop on Flexischools

Ordering and payment of uniform items is available through Flexischools from Term 4!!

If you have not yet registered for Flexischools please access the following link for guidance:

https://www.flexischools.com.au/support