

New Formal Uniform 2018:

The BYO Committee are introducing a new formal uniform in 2018, and following the success of our uniform launch on our 2017 tour BYO1 will continue with this uniform at our 2017 Prom Concert. BYO2 will wear the uniform for the first time at our first formal concert in 2018 (to be advised, probably June).

We would ask all members to obtain the following uniform items.

Details of new uniform:

BOYS:

- Black business shirt (long sleeves, open collar)
- Black long dress pants (no casual pants/jeans)
- Black shoes and socks (leather school shoes suitable or black dress shoes)
- OPTIONAL: Black suit jacket (only if desired, not a requirement)
- Black belt (with simple buckle, to be worn with dress pants)

GIRLS (can wear uniform as above or other options below):

- Black dress (medium to full length, with or without sleeves – no short dresses)
- (or) Black shirt/black skirt (medium to full length)
- (or) Black shirt/black long pants
- Black shoes (NO stilettos or high heels, mid heel suitable)
- Stockings/tights are not required, but consider wearing with mid length skirts/dresses

- *While the uniform requirements are not meant to be restrictive, smart casual wear is expected as a minimum standard.*

- Uniform items can be adapted according to season i.e. cardigans/coats etc in winter, short sleeves in summer etc. The priority is to be comfortable, but remember it is usually hotter on stage because of stage lighting and activity. Heavy jumpers/coats would not be suitable.

There are some prohibited items as below:

- NO strapless dresses or spaghetti straps on dresses or shirts. NO mini skirts. NO midriff shirts/crop tops/singlet tops. NO shorts or mid length pants. NO jeans/leggings.
- **Please consider that when you are on stage your skirt/dress will need to be a comfortable length when seated and allow for full movement when playing.**
- Plain gold or silver jewellery (rings, necklaces, earrings etc. NO body piercing for safety reasons, and bracelets/anklets are not recommended as they can make noise during performance and could catch on music stands and instruments)
- Keep hair away from face to allow clear sight of the conductor and your music, and prevent incidents involving hair being caught in instruments

If BYO1 members already own suitable items of black clothing they are welcome to wear them. We would recommend Lowes and Target for black business shirts and belts. Moo and Me Boutique in Targo Street usually have a good range of black dresses and skirts suitable for uniforms, as well as Target and Big W who have suitable items in their work wear ranges.

Please see a member of committee if you have any questions regarding the uniform update.