



## Operational Policy 20 Badges and Insignia Policy

### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to authorise badges that can be worn to celebrate student achievements on the school uniform. This policy covers badges that are awarded by the school or school-endorsed outside providers. It serves to promote participation and excellence in school activities while at the same time prohibiting inappropriate or distracting accessories on the uniform.

### Definition of a Badge

A badge is any insignia, pin, or emblem that is worn on the school uniform for decorative or symbolic purposes.

1. School-awarded badges: School-awarded badges are those given to students by the school (or groups associated with Miramar Christian School e.g. a music association) for academic, athletic, extracurricular, or other notable achievements. These badges are allowed to be worn appropriately on the school uniform by the award recipient.
2. Restrictions on other badges: Any other badges outside those covered above are not to be worn on the school uniform.
3. Consequences for breaching the rule: Any student found wearing an unauthorised badge on their school uniform will be asked to remove it. If the student refuses, the school's usual disciplinary systems shall be followed.
4. Clarification on bags: The rule regarding badges on the uniform does not apply to bags. Bags are personal property and not part of the uniform. However, bags are subject to the school's iconology policy.
5. Communication with students and parents: The school will communicate this policy clearly to all students and parents through the school handbook, orientation sessions, and other appropriate means.

### Exceptions

Exceptions to this rule may only be made on a case-by-case basis, by the approval of the Principal.

By following this policy, the school can ensure that all students adhere to the uniform policy and maintain a consistent appearance, while also recognising and celebrating student achievements through authorised badges.

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Signed:

On behalf of, and with the authority of the School Board on

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Presiding Member: Peter Wilding  
(Name)

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