



## School Related Policies

### Uniform Policy

#### Introduction

St Joseph's Primary School is a place where community members:

- Learn and live with commitment, the beliefs and values of the Catholic Faith.
- Work in a safe, caring environment
- Embrace leadership, as partners, and apply innovative and processive practices
- Engage best practice and provide rich experiences to produce excellent, measurable outcomes, academically, emotionally, spiritually and socially

#### Rationale

St Joseph's prides itself on the way students present themselves. St Joseph's seeks to install and foster pride in students for their appearance and in their school. The wearing of the school uniform is compulsory and is not negotiable. Students should wear the correct uniform neatly and appropriately at all times.

#### Policy Statement

##### Aims:

School uniforms engender a sense of respect for self. They set a tone amongst students and in wearing them they reflect a sense of pride in one's own appearance, of being organised and self-disciplined in preparation for the school day.

- To engender a sense of pride and belonging in the school.
- To ensure all students feel equal, reduces competition between students, and bullying on the basis of clothing.
- To eliminate dilemmas about what to wear at school.
- To reduce the need for parents to buy expensive clothing.
- To offer quality, durable clothing to parents at reasonable costs and to ensure students are dressed safely and appropriately for school activities.
- To encourage students to attend to personal presentation.
- To make students easier to identify at school and on excursions.
- To attract enrolments to the school.
- Adherence with school uniform policy reflects possible future workplace expectations and reinforces positive behaviour.

**All approved school uniform items are available from Worklocker Cobram, except for socks and shoes.**

Some second hand items are available from the school office.

**The dress code applies:**

- During school hours
- Whiles travelling to and from school
- When students are on school excursions
- Representing our school in an official capacity.

**The dress code will be:**

- Encouraged by all members of staff, students and parents to be neat and tidy and take pride in personal appearance.

**If out of uniform:**

- Parents are required to send a note if their child/children are out of uniform.
- Notes explaining the reason for students not being in uniform are to be sent to the Principal.
- The Principal will be responsible for the implementation of the dress code in a manner consistent with the Positive Behaviour Intervention in Schools Program, operating throughout the school.
- The school will recognise individual situations where physical disability or serious financial difficulty exist and will accommodate those in accordance with individual needs.

## **Exemptions**

Parents may seek exemptions to the dress code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, medical condition or economic hardship through consultation with the Principal.

## **Recommendations**

This policy will be reviewed on a needs basis.

## **Appendix 1**

### **Compulsory dress code for all students at St Joseph's School**

#### **Summer Uniform**

##### **Girls:**

Blue and white checked dress with checked collar and no solid white binding

Plain white socks

Black shoes

or

Navy blue and yellow short sleeved polo shirt with school logo

Navy blue tailored shorts

Plain white socks

Black shoes

##### **Boys:**

Grey gabardine shorts

Navy blue and yellow short sleeved polo shirt with school logo

Black shoes

Plain grey socks

#### **Winter Uniform**

##### **Girls:**

Navy blue pleated tunic

White long sleeved shirt

Plain navy blue tights

Navy blue windcheater with school logo

Plain black shoes

### School beanie

A plain navy blue scarf can be worn to and from school but not in class

or

### Navy blue pants

Long/short sleeved navy blue and yellow polo shirt with school logo

Navy blue windcheater with school logo

Plain navy blue or white socks (no logos)

Plain black shoes

### School beanie

A plain navy blue scarf can be worn to and from school but not in class

### **Boys:**

Grey long pants/grey shorts

Long/short sleeved navy blue and yellow polo shirt with school logo

Navy blue windcheater with school logo

Plain grey socks (no logos)

Plain black shoes

### School beanie

A plain navy blue scarf can be worn to and from school but not in class

### **Sports Uniform:**

Short/long sleeved navy blue and yellow polo shirt with school logo

Plain navy blue shorts or tracksuit pants

Plain white socks

Sneakers

### **Other Uniform Items**

Fleece-lined rain jacket

Navy blue wide brimmed hat with school logo

School beanie

**Note:** Grade 6 graduating class polo shirts are permitted to be worn as uniform by the Grade 6 students.

### **SunSmart Policy**

All students are required to wear the navy wide brimmed hat with school logo during Terms 1 and

4. Sunscreen is provided in all classrooms for students to use, however, students are welcome to bring their own. Students are not to share their own sunscreen due to allergies.

Visible name brands and logos are not part of the school uniform. Items are to be purchased from Worklocker Cobram.

### **Jewellery/Nail Polish**

Stud earrings and sleepers and watchers are the only jewellery to be worn.

Medical alert bracelets are exempt

Special event wristbands and ANZAC /Remembrance Day badges are permitted during the celebration period

No nail polish or makeup is to be worn to school

### **Hair & Hair Accessories**

Conservative hairstyles

Navy blue, white or black hair ties and ribbons only. Yellow or House Colours on sports day

Plain navy blue or silver clips/clasps

All hair below shoulder length is to be tied back, regardless of gender