



## Uniform Policy

*'School of the Good Shepherd Community promotes the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children in accordance with Ministerial Order No. 1359'*

### Rationale

A uniform Policy reinforces in students pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Uniform Policy.

### Aims

- To promote equality amongst all students
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community

### Implementation

After consultation with the School Community, the School Advisory Council and the Student Representative Council, School of the Good Shepherd has reviewed their current Uniform Policy. We believe this policy provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities and caters for the financial constraints of families.

- Students are to wear the school uniform during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions. Free dress days are an exemption.
- The Summer school and sport uniform is worn in Terms 1 and 4 and Winter school and sport uniforms in Term 2 and 3. **However, we recognise the unpredictability of Melbourne's weather and suggest that children wear the uniform that best suits the weather conditions at the time.** Please ensure that whatever uniform is worn, needs to be worn correctly.
- Black school shoes are required to be worn with the school uniform. Runners are to be worn with the sport uniform only.
- Sport uniform is to be worn on allocated days as nominated by the classroom teacher.
- Acceptable Jewellery includes, Stud earrings and small hoop sleepers worn in the ears, necklaces with crucifixes or religious medallions and watches
- Extreme hair colours and / or extreme hairstyles are not permitted. Long hair should be held back neatly using hair ties or head bands in school colours.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school
- The only head wear that is acceptable is the school hat. Consistent with our Sun smart policy; they must be worn outside from mid-August to the end of April as per DEET recommendation.
- Student Uniform list is available from the following website: [Top School Wear](#)
- Smart Watches are not to be worn, unless permission from the principal has been successfully sought. As per the mobile phone policy, smart watches can be worn to and from school but must be handed in to the teacher on arrival. If your child uses it to tell the time, chat functions will need to be turned off.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the School Uniform for whatever reason must apply in writing to the classroom teacher

## **Evaluation**

Policy evaluated in February 2024

## **Resources:**

[DEET: Student Dress Code](#)

[Student Mobile/Smart Watch Policy](#)