

Uniform policy

Rationale:

A uniform dress code instills pride in students regarding their appearance, reinforces their identity as part of the school community, and fosters a sense of pride in representing their school. It also addresses important considerations such as equality, practicality, health and safety, and cost.


At our Catholic school, the uniform is a key expression of our identity. We believe that every individual is made in the image and likeness of Christ, deserving of respect and dignity. No one is more valuable than another, as all are equal in God's eyes. This commitment to dignity and respect is deeply rooted in our Gospel values.

By having a uniform, we ensure that no student feels excluded or pressured by the latest fashion trends. Instead, students can focus on their studies in an environment where equality is emphasized. Moreover, the uniform fosters a sense of belonging to a community that values its traditions and principles. For young people, this sense of belonging is a vital factor in their wellbeing.

Your support in ensuring that students wear the correct uniform is greatly appreciated.

Aims:

- **Promote Equality Amongst All Students:** The uniform ensures that all students are viewed as equals, minimizing social pressures related to fashion and enabling them to focus on their studies.
- **Further Develop a Sense of Pride in, and Identification and Belonging with, Our School:** The uniform reinforces students' pride in their appearance and strengthens their sense of belonging to a community that values its traditions and principles.
- **Provide Durable Clothing that is Cost-Effective and Practical for Our School Environment:** The dress code addresses practicality and cost, ensuring that all students have access to durable and affordable clothing suitable for the school setting.
- **Ensure Individual and Collective Safety for Students:** The uniform also takes into account health and safety considerations, contributing to a secure environment for all students.

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- **Maintain and Enhance the Positive Image of the School in the Community:**

Wearing the uniform with pride helps to uphold and enhance the school's positive image within the wider community.

Implementation:

- The School Board has established a Dress Code that offers students a range of choices while ensuring they can safely participate in various school activities. The Dress Code applies during school hours, while traveling to and from school, and when students are on excursions or representing the school.
- To promote inclusivity, arrangements are available to provide uniforms to families experiencing economic hardship. Parents seeking exemptions from the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, cultural background, student disability, health conditions, or financial difficulties must apply in writing to the Principal.
- If a student is unable to wear the correct uniform, they must provide a note of explanation from their parent or caregiver.
- The student Dress Code, uniform price list, and purchasing process are published in the St Brigid's Information Book at the beginning of each year and are accessible on the school's website.
- The School Board entrusts the Principal with the responsibility of implementing the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct, ensuring that it reflects the values of equality, safety, and community pride.

Review:


This policy will be reviewed in August 2026, following the completion of the two-year uniform transition phase.

Uniform shop:

- The Uniform shop is operated by a staff member and orders are welcomed by email: brigidsuniform@gmail.com, with payment via bank transfer.
- Items may be tried on at school by appointment.

Dress Code:

- Students are required to wear the appropriate uniform for their activities.
- The sports uniform must be worn on designated days, and optional house t-shirt may be worn.
- Students will be informed of the required attire for school excursions and events.

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- Hair must be kept neat, with long hair tied back, and should remain a natural color. Hair accessories must match the school colors.
- Makeup is not permitted, though clear nail polish is allowed. Students may wear studs (earrings) and a watch.
- Uniforms must be clearly labeled with the student's name.
- An art smock or shirt should be worn over the uniform during art classes.
- Students may wear a rain jacket or coat as needed.
- Undergarments are permitted, provided they are not visible under the uniform.
- The green school bag with the school logo is required.

Uniform options:

As the school undergoes a uniform transition, new and existing items may be integrated over the next two years, with the 2025 Prep students wearing the complete new uniform suite.

Please use information below to guide you in the uniform pieces that are to be worn together

Formal Uniform Options Mon/Tue	Sports Uniform Options Wed/Thur/Fri
St B's logo polo shirt	St B's logo polo shirt
St B's logo jacket / jumper / vest	St B's logo jacket / jumper or vest
School dress / with plain white socks/navy socks	Green / navy tracksuit pants, sports shorts, skirt or skort / with plain white socks
Kilt or tunic / with navy tights or plain navy socks	Runners
Grey / navy shorts, skorts or pants / with plain navy or grey socks	School hat or beanie
Black shoes/runners	
School hat or beanie	
St Brigid's book satchel	
Art smock (purchase own)	
Between the months of September and April hat is to be worn outside	

*Price list is available on the school website, in our information pack or from the office