

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY



Students are required to wear the complete school uniform as outlined in the St Catherine's School Handbook. Students out of uniform must bring a note of explanation signed by their parent or guardian. The wearing of school uniform is compulsory for a number of reasons:

1. In a time when great uncertainty exists, we feel it is beneficial for a child to develop loyalties to his/her peers and also to belong. Children should be proud of their school and through genuine school spirit to communicate the pride of belonging to the school community.
2. School uniform adds to the atmosphere, prestige, tone and spirit of a school.
3. School uniform prevents the problem of unhealthy competition related to expensive labels.
4. School uniform assists home routines and avoids last minute "what to wear" decisions.
5. School uniform is useful in identifying worthy or blameworthy behaviour of our pupils in the community. It therefore encourages the one and discourages the other.

To assist in the implementation of this policy the following guidelines apply:

- All students are to wear their shirt tucked in;
- Tee shirts and singlets worn under shirts must not be visible, must be white and without any logo;
- Students are not to wear make-up or nail polish;
- Students are not to have dyed or coloured hair (temporary or permanent);
- Hair must be tied back if the length is below the shoulder;
- Boy's hair must not be worn below the collar;
- All students are expected to wear their hair neat and tidy and off the face;
- No radical hairstyles are allowed and hair care products such as gel should be used sparingly;
- No decorative hair accessories other than those listed as uniform may be worn;
- School hats, for protection from the sun, are compulsory from 1st September to 30th April.
- One standard sized sleeper/stud is allowed in each ear. No other visible body piercing is allowed;
- A watch is the only other jewellery to be worn, with the exception of a crucifix or medallion worn for religious reasons, which must be worn under the uniform;
- Sports briefs may be worn under the dress or tunic for convenience in the playground and during P.M.P. (no bike shorts allowed);
- Summer uniform is to be worn in first and fourth term. Winter uniform is to be worn in second and third term. There is a changeover period of 2 weeks at the beginning of second and fourth term when summer or winter uniform may be worn.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four-year review cycle or as required.

Reviewed

This policy was reviewed by Staff February 2014.

Ratification

This policy was ratified by Staff February 2014.