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ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Student Uniform and Grooming Policy

Policy Background

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, de-emphasises differences in appearance and assists in developing pride in representing their school.

Our school uniform not only provides a sense of belonging and pride of association in students at St Patrick's Primary School but also promotes the safety and security of students by allowing for the ready identification of students as belonging to our school. Equality is fostered through this Student Uniform and Grooming Policy, common to all students.

St Patrick Primary School's Policy

St Patrick's Primary School is committed to a well-presented, neat and cost-effective uniform for its students and families.

It is our policy that:

- All students wear the appropriate school or sports uniform on the specified days, unless specifically advised by the classroom teacher otherwise;
- Any student that needs to be temporarily out of uniform, must provide a note from home with an explanation and advice as to when they will be back in uniform;
- Any changes to the school uniform will be done by the Uniform Committee in consultation with families.

Provisions

Principles

Uniform obligation

At St Patrick's Primary School the obligation of students to wear a uniform is provided for in the Enrolment Application between parents/guardians and school at the time of enrolment.

Out of uniform

Should a situation occur where a student is temporarily unable to wear their uniform (in part or whole), a note from a parent/guardian must accompany the student.

Where a student is out of uniform without such advice from their parent/guardian, the student will be issued with an out of uniform notice.

Repetitive out of uniform behaviour will be dealt with through additional action by the School Principal.

Uniform shop

The school uniform shop is operated by the uniform supplier (not the school) and provides a service to the school community.

School uniform items can be purchased at the school uniform shop in the Netball building near the carpark, or through the classroom tote box system.

The School will support a second-hand uniform shop to assist families in the purchasing of the required uniform.

Changes to uniform

Any price changes to the uniform will be made on the recommendation of the uniform supplier with the approval of the Principal.

Should changes be made to the School's uniform, it will be a consultative process between the Uniform Committee, School Advisory Board and parent body. Final decisions about changes to the school uniform rest with the Uniform Committee.

Dress code

- Summer uniform is worn in Terms One and Four, and winter uniform in Terms Two and Three. Students are to wear the school sports uniform on the days advised by the classroom teacher.
- At all times, students are expected to be well presented in their uniform. Uniforms are to be clean and in good condition. Shoes are to be well-polished and sport shoes kept clean.
- It is recommended that no jewellery be worn at school for safety and security reasons. A wristwatch and/or a cross is acceptable. One pair of plain sleepers or studs is permitted.
- Makeup and nail polish are not to be worn.
- Parents and staff are expected to monitor and maintain the correct wearing of the school uniform and insist on
- the maintenance of high standards of personal presentation.
- The school follows the Cancer Council's recommendations that the school hat must be worn during recess and lunch times and outdoor activities in Terms One and Four.

Grooming

- Students are expected to take pride in their personal appearance and to be neatly attired.
- Each student is expected to be properly attired in full school uniform whilst at the school, travelling to and from school and when representing the school at external functions and events.
- For health reasons, when a child's hair is of collar length or longer, it must be tied back off the face.
- Hair is to be tied back with plain navy blue hair elastics, ribbons, scrunchies or head bands.
- Extreme hairstyles, haircuts and/or colours are not permitted. Where there is a clear breach of this, parents
- will be contacted and asked to rectify the situation immediately.
- To prevent head lice infestation, parents/carers should regularly check their children's hair. If the school suspects or identifies that a student has head lice, the student will be removed from the classroom until such time as treatment has been started by the parent/guardian.

School uniform

Summer uniform

- Summer uniform is worn in Terms One and Four.
- For boys, this consists of a short-sleeve light blue embroidered school polo shirt, grey school shorts, grey socks and black leather shoes.
- For girls, this consists of either the red/white check dress, optional maroon under-shorts, long white socks and black leather shoes, or a short-sleeve light blue embroidered school polo shirt, blue school shorts, blue socks and black leather shoes.
- The blue knitted school jumper can also be worn.

Winter uniform

- The winter uniform is worn in Terms Two and Three.
- For boys, this consists of a short or long-sleeve light blue embroidered school polo shirt, long grey school pants, grey socks and black leather shoes.
- For girls, this consists of either the blue tartan tunic, short or long-sleeve light blue embroidered school polo shirt, long blue socks or blue tights and black leather shoes, or short or long-sleeve light blue embroidered school polo shirt, long blue school pants, blue socks and black leather shoes.
- The blue knitted school jumper and embroidered winter coat can also be worn.
- A blue embroidered beanie and scarf are optional items in the winter.

Sports uniform

The sports uniform consists of a blue fleece school logo jumper, house-coloured polo shirt, plain white socks, sports runners and either navy rugby knit shorts in the summer or navy track suit pants in the winter.

Other uniform requirements

- During Terms One and Four students should wear either the navy legionnaire's hat or broad-rimmed hat when outside, including during Physical Education lessons.
- Students are required to use the St Patrick's Primary School navy logo school bag.
- All items of uniform should be clearly labelled with the student's name.
- On casual dress days, students are required to dress appropriately for the day's program and activities, which includes no open-toed shoes (for OH&S requirements).

Implementation

This policy is implemented through a combination of:

- Effective communication with parents/guardians and students;
- Collaboration with the uniform supplier to ensure regular stock of all uniform items;
- Staff liaising with parents/guardians when students are out of uniform; and
- Initiation of corrective actions where necessary.

Key Legislation and References	Nil
Related Policies	Nil
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Responsible Officer	School Principal
Ratified by	School Principal / School Advisory Board / Uniform Committee
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