Uniform Policy

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Rationale:
A uniform with high visual impact makes a positive statement about our schools’ values and creates a sense of unity among the students. At St Joseph’s, we believe that the school uniform should be comfortable, functional and affordable. Wearing this uniform will engender pride in our school and distinguish us as a school community. We actively encourage the children to take pride in their appearance and to dress in the correct uniform at all times. We require the support of all parents, students and teachers in maintaining the standard of our uniform.

Aims:
- To maintain a good standard of uniform
- To provide clear expectations
- To assist parents

Implementation:
**Who is involved?** Parents or Caregivers have sole responsibility for the purchase of uniforms for their child. Students and staff have a role to play, in ensuring compliance and maintenance of an appropriate standard, at all times.

**General:**
- The Principal will inform parents of this policy each year, during the Orientation Program and via the parent handbook, school website and school newsletter.
- All the main uniform items e.g. tunics, dresses, shorts, shirts, polo shirts, jumpers and jackets are to be purchased from the school. Order forms are sent home each semester and are also available on the school website.
- Students are encouraged to take responsibility for a neat, clean and tidy uniform e.g. polish their own school shoes.
- No nail polish, hair colouring or makeup.
- Hair is to be neat and well groomed. Extreme hair styles are not acceptable (ie: rat’s tails or shaved lines in hair). Long hair must be secured back from the face for safety and hygiene. Navy hair bands or ribbons only.
- Students who have pierced ears should wear studs, for safety, however small sleepers are acceptable (plain gold or silver). No other visible jewellery should be worn, except watches.
- All clothing and belongings should be clearly labelled.
- Wearing a school hat is compulsory.
- **Shoes:** Students must wear black leather, traditional or boot style school shoes that can be polished. Sports shoes should be worn on the allocated Sport day. Suede or canvas shoes are not acceptable at any time.
Parents are requested to provide a note of explanation should a child be unable to wear part of the uniform. Consequence for this breach is clearly outlined in the school’s “Behavioural Support Policy”.

Specific:

**SCHOOL HAT:** The school hat is compulsory and must be worn as part of our school uniform. Replacement hats are available from the school office at any time.

The school employs a ‘No Hat – No Play’ policy.

**GIRL’S SUMMER:** Blue check, A-line, six gore dress with Peter Pan collar and short sleeves OR blue check blouse with Peter Pan collar & short sleeves and navy tailored shorts.

Black leather traditional-style school shoes with short (above the ankle) white socks.

**GIRL’S WINTER:** Tartan pinafore OR Navy Gabardine slacks. A long-sleeved “Midford Blue” school shirt (stand-up collar) is worn under the pinafore. Navy V-neck school jumper with microfibre jacket (each with school logo) for cold weather.

Black leather, traditional style school shoes that can be polished, with short (above the ankle) grey socks or grey tights.

**GIRL’S SPORT:** Navy blue polo shirt with gold trim (with school logo) and tailored shorts. Sport shoes with short (above the ankle) white socks.

Navy blue microfibre tracksuit can be worn over the top of sports uniform, during Winter.

**BOY’S SUMMER:** “Midford Blue” short-sleeved shirt with stand-up collar.

Grey Midford shorts.

Black leather, traditional or boot style shoes that can be polished, with short (above the ankle) grey socks.

**BOY’S WINTER:** “Midford Blue” long sleeved school shirt (stand-up collar).

Grey Midford permanent-press trousers. Navy V-neck school jumper with microfibre jacket (each with school logo) for cold weather.

Black, leather, traditional-style shoes that can be polished, with short (above the ankle) grey socks.

**BOY’S SPORT:** Navy blue polo shirt with gold trim (with school logo).

Navy Midford shorts. Sport shoes with short (above the ankle) white socks. Navy blue microfibre tracksuit can be worn over the top of sports uniform, during Winter.

Budget:

Expenses incurred, for the design and display of resources and additions to uniform, will be met from the school’s budget and/or P & F Association.

Evaluation:

School uniform policy may be reviewed whenever the need arises. Consultation will take place with the Parents & Friends Association and the school community before any process is initiated.

**REVIEW:** 2016