

Rationale

St Mary's Catholic Primary School requires all students to be in school uniform. The school uniform provides the child with a sense of identity and unity within our community and is an integral part of our identity. When parents or guardians enrol their children at St Mary's Catholic Primary School, they confirm that they are committed to supporting the school and ensuring their child follows all school guidelines, policies and procedures.

All students attending St Mary's Catholic Primary School are required to abide by this policy as a condition of their continuing enrolment.

Guidelines

- All children are expected to wear full school uniform every day.
- The School Uniform Policy has been developed through consultation with the school community and is ratified by the School Board.
- The Principal and Leadership Team is responsible for the implementation and maintenance of the School Uniform Policy with the support of teaching staff.
- In the case that a student cannot wear the appropriate school uniform, parent/guardians must notify the class teacher in writing.
- When students are not in correct uniform and a letter of explanation has not been received from parents/guardians, a letter will be sent home by the class teacher to the parent/guardian stating the areas of concern. Parents are expected to sign and date these letters before returning them to school.
- Parents will be required to meet with the Principal in the event that a student consistently breaches the uniform policy.

Implementation

The complete school uniform is available for purchase from the school office. Only the approved school uniform may be worn.

Parents are expected to support the School Uniform Policy by ensuring that their child wears:

- The complete school uniform or complete sports uniform (including the school broad brimmed hat) when travelling to and from school and during school hours.
- Their sports uniform on allocated physical education days.
- Only simple jewellery such as a wristwatch, a necklace with a crucifix or religious symbol and sleepers/studs.
- Hair to be kept off the face and to be tied up and back off the face if it is shoulder length or longer. Tints and colours are not acceptable. Ribbons or hair combs must be simple and only in school colours of blue or white.
- Boys hair must be neat and tidy and not extend past the collar.
- Hair style does not include extreme razor and undercuts as these cuts are not acceptable.
- Hair ties to be in school colours or hair colour.
- No artificial nails, nail polish, temporary tattoos or make-up is to be worn at school.
- St Mary's Catholic Primary School hat is worn whenever children are outdoors, including before and after school.
- An appropriately sized school uniform.
- Socks must be no shorter than ankle length.

Boys

Blue St Mary's Catholic Primary School shirt, navy school shorts, plain black shoes and plain white socks, or plain black sandals with/without socks.

Boy's Sports Uniform

Navy St Mary's Catholic Primary School polo shirt in sports house colour and navy school shorts. Sport shoes to be worn with plain white socks.

Girls

A choice of

- St Mary's Catholic Primary School uniform dress; or
- St Mary's Catholic Primary School shirt navy skirt or shorts

with plain black shoes and plain white socks, or plain black sandals with/without socks are acceptable.

Girl's Sports Uniform

Navy St Mary's Catholic Primary School polo shirt in sports house colour and navy school short or shirts. Sport shoes to be worn with plain white socks.

Hats

St Mary's Catholic Primary School hats are a compulsory part of the St Mary's school uniform. Only the approved school hat may be worn. Hats are available from the school office and must be worn when outdoors.

Children will not be allowed to undertake any outdoor activities unless they are wearing a school hat.

Backpack and Library Bag

A St Mary's Catholic Primary School backpack and library bag are available for purchase from the school office, however these items are not compulsory.

All clothing and other items such as hats and bags must be clearly and permanently marked in large letters with children's NAME and YEAR LEVEL.

Unclaimed, unmarked clothing will become the property of the school at the end of each term.

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the St Mary's Catholic Primary School's three-year policy review cycle. This policy will be published on the St Mary's Catholic Primary School website.

Review/Ratification History

Year of review	SIRF Committee Responsible	Ratified By / Date (Month/Year)
2013	Leadership	School Board – 2013
2016	Leadership	School Board – November 2016
2022	Leadership	School Board – October 2022

Next Review: 2025

Dear _____

Your child _____ did not wear the correct school uniform today as outlined in our St Mary's Catholic Primary School – School Uniform Policy (attached).

The item/s of concern are:

I would appreciate you providing a timeline within which the correct uniform will be worn in accordance with the St Mary's Catholic Primary School – School Uniform Policy.

Should you wish to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact the school office for an appointment with the Principal.

Yours sincerely

Teacher

Principal

Date _____

PARENT COMMENT (optional)

Parent Signature: _____