



# ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

*Child Safety at St Joseph's - We are committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff, and volunteers. As part of this commitment we have implemented the Victorian Child Safe Standards to help protect children and young people under the age of 18 from child abuse and neglect, including cultural safety for Indigenous children and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and children with a disability.*

## **Rationale:**

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of St Joseph's Primary School community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Uniform Code. Students are expected to dress in complete school uniform in a way that reflects a sense of pride in their school and themselves.

## **Aims:**

- To maintain the school's atmosphere, identity, tone and spirit.
- To promote within the students a sense of pride and school identity and enhance the supervision and safety on excursions.
- To eliminate peer group pressure and create equality amongst all our students.
- To reduce competition amongst children and removes pressure on families to provide "fashionable" items of daily wear

## **Implementation:**

- Students wear the St Joseph's Primary School uniform on a daily basis unless exemption has been granted by the principal. As with all other areas of financial difficulty, parents will be encouraged to make arrangements with the Principal regarding provision of uniform items for their children.
- Parents/Carers seeking exemptions to the school's uniform requirements due to religious beliefs, cultural background and/or student disability must apply in writing to the school's Principal with supporting evidence.
- The school uniform should consist of items from the designated list. The uniform will be smart, durable, safe and comfortable.

- ❑ Students participating in interschool sport and excursions, or representing the school at outside activities, wear the appropriate school uniform.
- ❑ A special commemorative windcheater and polo shirt will be offered to all Year 6 students.
- ❑ Sports uniform items are not to be worn as part of the regular school uniform.
- ❑ In Terms 1&4 students are expected to wear the summer uniform and in Terms 2&3 students are expected to wear the winter uniform. This is at the discretion of the Assistant Principal and Principal, based on weather conditions at the time.
- ❑ Black school shoes are to be worn with the school uniform and runners only to be worn with the sports uniform.
- ❑ The school jumper is to be worn with the school uniform, and the school sports jacket to be worn with the sports uniform.
- ❑ All uniform items should be clearly labelled with the child's (family) name.
- ❑ The uniform will conform to the requirements of equal opportunity legislation.
- ❑ All items of school uniform are available through Academy Uniforms. A second hand uniform supply is also available to parents at the school.
- ❑ A SunSmart approved hat is a compulsory part of the school uniform as recommended by the Cancer Council of Victoria. Hats should be worn whilst outside in Term One and Four. Hats should not be worn indoors.
- ❑ Make up and coloured nail polish may not be worn at school.
- ❑ No face piercings are acceptable.
- ❑ For health and safety reasons:
  - single stud or sleeper earrings worn in ears, plus watches and medical alert bracelets are the only acceptable jewellery
  - long hair, i.e. shoulder-length and longer, must be tied back for students of both genders
  - extreme hairstyles and unnatural hair colour are not acceptable (exemption may occur for approved fundraising days).
- ❑ Students wearing non-uniform items will be asked to remove these items and a loan uniform will be provided for the day.

**Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the School Improvement Plan

**UNIFORM LIST BELOW**

# UNIFORM

## SUMMER UNIFORM (Girls)

School jumper  
Summer dress  
White socks  
Black shoes

OR

## SUMMER UNIFORM (Girls/Boys)

School jumper  
Short-sleeved blue polo shirt  
Navy blue shorts  
Navy socks  
Black shoes

## WINTER UNIFORM (Girls)

School jumper  
Winter pinafore  
Blue shirt with peter-pan collar  
Navy tights / Long navy socks  
Black shoes

OR

## WINTER UNIFORM (Girls/Boys)

School jumper  
Navy blue trousers  
Long-sleeved blue polo shirt  
Grey socks  
Black shoes

## SPORTS UNIFORM:

(only to be worn on P.E. and sport days)

Sports jacket  
Yellow short-sleeved T-shirt  
Navy blue sports shorts / Navy Blue Track Suit Pants  
White socks



SPORTS JACKET



SPORTS POLO

**ALL NEED TO BE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH CHILD'S NAME**



SCHOOL JUMPER



SUMMER DRESS



WINTER TUNIC



BLUE SHIRT – worn with the Tunic



WINTER POLO



NAVY BLUE TROUSERS  
(WINTER)



SUMMER POLO



NAVY BLUE SHORTS  
(SUMMER)