



St Brigid's Catholic School

New Norfolk

SCHOOL UNIFORM & ATTIRE POLICY

RATIONALE

The St Brigid's Catholic School Board has resolved that children attending the school should wear an approved school uniform and comply with expected attire and personal presentation standards, unless exempted from doing so by the principal on designated days and for exceptional reasons.

AIMS

The Board believes that a clearly stated and sensibly implemented uniform policy is important for the following reasons:

- To provide a focus and a sense of identity for students attending the school.
- To provide an opportunity for parents and staff to instil in the children a sense of pride in their appearance.
- To prevent excesses in fashion trends and to eliminate competition among students, often based on parent ability to provide suitable clothes.
- To provide an economical means of clothing children for school.

PROCEDURES

- All clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name.
- If parents are unsure about any item of clothing fulfilling the Uniform Policy they should consult the principal before purchasing.
- An explanatory note from parents is required to be sent to the principal if a child is not wearing the correct school uniform.
- Dates of change for summer/winter uniform shall be determined by the principal and shall recognise seasonal factors.
- Uniforms are not to be mixed – either complete formal uniform, or complete sports uniform is to be worn.
- Sports shoes are only to be worn as part of the sports uniform.
- Students are only to have regulation St. Brigid's Catholic School school bags.

- Students also require a paint-proof smock for art activities. This may be purchased from the school uniform shop, or you may provide one from elsewhere.
- If students are in public places while in school uniform, (eg shopping after school) the full, correct uniform must be worn.
- With the exception of school shoes and sports shoes, gloves, beanies, scarves, and puffer jackets, the school uniform shop provides a service for parents by stocking or ordering all items of the approved school uniform, at minimum possible prices. The shop also maintains a pool of good second-hand uniform clothing.
- All members of the school staff are conscious of their role in implementing this policy by setting an example in their own neatness and appropriateness of dress and by ensuring that children are neatly attired when participating in any school activity.

SCHOOL SUMMER UNIFORM OPTIONS – TERMS ONE AND FOUR

Grades 3 to 6

- School jumper or cardigan
- Open-necked, short sleeved school shirt
- Grey shorts
- Either long or short grey socks
- Black leather or leather-type school shoes – not sneakers, canvas shoes or dress shoes
- Green school hat – legionnaire, slouch or bucket style

OR

- School jumper or cardigan
- Light green checked dress
- Either long or short white socks – no brand names or colours visible
- Black leather or leather-type school shoes – not sneakers, canvas shoes or dress shoes
- Green school hat – legionnaire, slouch or bucket style

OR

- School jumper or cardigan
- Open-necked, short sleeved school shirt
- Checked school skirt, with or without bib
- Either long or short white socks – no brand names or colours visible
- Black leather or leather-type school shoes – not sneakers, canvas shoes or dress shoes
- Green school hat – legionnaire, slouch or bucket style

Other options that can be added to the summer uniform with any of the above options, or to the sports uniform in Term One and Term Four:

- Sunglasses

SCHOOL WINTER UNIFORM OPTIONS – TERMS TWO AND THREE

- School jumper or cardigan
- Open-necked, short sleeved school shirt
- Checked school trousers
- Either long or short white socks
- Black leather or leather-type school shoes – not sneakers, canvas shoes or dress shoes

OR

- School jumper or cardigan
- Open-necked, short sleeved school shirt
- Checked school skirt
- Either long or short white socks, or black stockings/tights
- Black leather or leather-type school shoes – not sneakers, canvas shoes or dress shoes

OR

- School jumper or cardigan
- Open-necked, short sleeved school shirt, or long sleeved school shirt
- School tie (optional)
- Grey shorts or grey trousers
- Either long or short grey socks
- Black leather or leather-type school shoes – not sneakers, canvas shoes or dress shoes

Other options that can be added to the winter uniform with any of the above options, or to the sports uniform in Term Two and Term Three:

- Green school coat, available at the school uniform shop
- Black puffer jackets – no other colours
- Black or bottle green beanie
- Black or bottle green gloves
- Black or bottle green scarf

SCHOOL SPORTS UNIFORM

Sole uniform option for Kindergarten - Grade Two (phased in over two years 2017-2018).

To be worn on sports days and drama days by Grade 3 - Grade 6.

- School rugby top with logo
- School polo shirt with logo
- School track pants, or school shorts
- White socks – no brand names or colours visible
- Sneakers suitable for physical activity – not slip-ons, canvas shoes, Vans, skate shoes etc. Sneakers must be either:
 - Predominately white; coloured trim allowed
 - Predominately blue; shades from pale blue to navy allowed
- Sneakers must NOT be other colours – pink, purple, fluoro etc. are NOT uniform colours

APPEARANCE, HAIR STYLES AND HAIR COLOUR:

- All students are expected to be neatly attired.
- Students must have long hair tied back from the face and off the shoulders. Hair bands, ribbons, clips etc. must be the school uniform colours – bottle green, royal blue or yellow-gold. Black hair bands and some white trim are also acceptable.
- Hair accessories must be 'plain' without glitter, sequins or other over-the-top ornamentation
- Hair styles/cut must be of an acceptable and appropriate style. If your child wishes to have his/her hair cut in an unusual style please contact the principal for clarification on this matter PRIOR to having hair cut in the proposed style.
- Hair colour is not permitted.
- Coloured nail polish is not permitted.
- Make-up is not permitted

JEWELLERY:

- For safety, security and health reasons, the wearing of jewellery is strongly discouraged.
- No decorative jewellery is allowed.
- However, acceptable jewellery and accessories that may be worn at school include:
 - A watch
 - One pair of plain gold or silver studs or sleepers for children with pierced ears – no coloured jewels allowed
 - Religious necklaces

STATEMENT OF POLICY:

The Uniform Policy will be published in full and made available to every family in the school at the beginning of each year or be made available via the school website.

REVIEW OF SCHOOL UNIFORM:

The school uniform may be reviewed at any time at the request of the staff, Board or Parents & Friends Association. As part of any such review, community members shall be invited to make submissions to the St Brigid's Catholic School Board for decision.

*This policy and associated practices will be reviewed as part of
St Brigid's Catholic School review cycle.*

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