St Joseph's Memorial School Uniform Policy

The school uniform is an integral part of our school culture. The uniform reinforces a sense of pride, belonging and identity as well as establishing patterns of good grooming and self-discipline.

Every effort must be made by all students to be neatly dressed and groomed.

The wearing of the full correct uniform is compulsory and parents are reminded of their responsibility to support the school in this matter.

PURPOSE

The school believes that by wearing a uniform:

- 1. We preserve part of our Josephite tradition
- 2. All children come to school in the same clothing
- 3. Children gain a sense of being part of a family/community at school and when out in the general public
- 4. Children's self-esteem is enhanced and maintained by ensuring there is no competition through fashion change
- 5. There is support for parents in making it simple to choose clothes for school
- 6. A sense of discipline and responsibility will be developed in children
- 7. Children are easily recognised when they are out of school grounds.

IMPLEMENTATION

When parents enrol their children at SJMS, commitment to the school's uniform policy is expected. The uniform is available through the school's uniform shop.

School staff will work with the children to respect and maintain the uniform standards. We recognise that from time to time this will not be possible, therefore require the child to bring an explanatory note. If a note is not provided, then a reminder will be placed in the child's diary/communication book.

If there is ongoing non-compliance with the Uniform Policy, the matter will be referred to the School Principal for resolution.

A two-week crossover between seasons may be allowed for unseasonal weather and the purchasing of new uniforms (start of Terms 1, 2 and 4).

UNIFORM GUIDELINES

- All children are expected to wear the correct uniform while at school.
- There are three uniforms: Summer Term One and Four, Winter Term Two and Three and Sports on designated days.
- All uniform items should be clearly marked with the child's name.
- On designated casual days clothing should be discreet, modest and appropriate for the season. Tops should include sleeves to comply with the Sun Protection Policy.
- Children who have SJMS Sport training before or after school may wear their Sport Uniform on that day.
- Children who play Sport after school (off site), with a match start of later than 4pm, cannot wear their Sport Uniform to school. They are to wear the Formal Uniform and change when their parents/caregivers collect them after school.

JEWELLERY

The wearing of jewellery is discouraged and restricted. Any jewellery worn by a child to school is the responsibility of that student. The only jewellery permitted is a watch and simple earrings (either gold/silver small sleepers or studs may be worn). Only one in each ear. If the student wears a chain of religious significance, it must be worn inside the uniform and not be visible. Children whose faith requires them to wear certain articles of jewellery shall, subject to the knowledge of the principal, be exempt from this guideline.

HAIR ACCESSORIES

Only navy, light blue or yellow hair accessories are permitted to be worn. If clips are worn they need to be simple and unadorned. Long hair (collar length or longer) must be neatly tied up at all times. Streaks, hair colouring (permanent or temporary) are not permitted. Hair is to be clean, neat and tidy, kept off the students face, does not impinge learning and without extremes of style.

The following are considered to be 'extremes':

- Any 'rats' tails;
- Any razor cuts or patterns cut into the hair;
- Any cutting/shaving/gelling/tinting of the hair that leads to a 'Mohawk' style;
- Any streaks or colours or patterns.

PLEASE NOTE

- Children should not share hats.
- NO HAT, NO PLAY from the Sun Protection Policy all students are to wear their school sunhat when outside and the UV rating is advertised as 3 or above on that day.
- The sports rugby jumper is only to be worn with the PE uniform and is not to be worn in place of the navy school jumper with the formal uniform.
- Students are not to wear make-up or nail polish to school.
- School Leaders may wear their Leadership jumper in place of the formal school jumper and sports jumper.

THE ST JOSEPH'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL UNIFORM CONSISTS OF:

Summer Formal Uniform in Terms 1 & 4 ONLY

- Navy school shorts or split skirt with 'SJMS' emblem
- School short sleeve shirt with 'SJMS' emblem
- Navy ankle socks
- Black leather lace up, velcro or buckle school shoes OR formal enclosed toe leather school sandals in navy in Terms 1 & 4 ONLY
- School hat (hybrid style) with 'SJMS' emblem

Winter Formal Uniform in Terms 2 & 3 ONLY

- Navy school trousers, shorts or split skirt with 'SJMS' emblem
- School long sleeve shirt with 'SJMS' emblem
- School tie
- Navy tights, navy ankle socks or navy knee high socks
- Black lace up, buckle or velcro leather school shoes
- Navy jumper with 'SJMS' emblem
- School hat (legionnaire or hybrid style) with 'SJMS' emblem

Sport Uniform

- Navy rugby shorts with 'SJMS' emblem
- Blue school polo shirt with 'SJMS' emblem
- Blue school rugby jumper with 'SJMS' emblem
- Navy track and field pants with 'SJMS' emblem
- White sport socks
- Sport shoes ONLY (sneakers)
- School hat (legionnaire or hybrid style) with 'SJMS' emblem

School Bag

• SJMS navy blue school bag with emblem is compulsory

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