



## **St. Michael's Uniform Policy**

### **Rationale:**

A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instills recognition of themselves as an integral part of the 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 Dress Code.

### **Aims:**

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

### **Implementation:**

- St Michael's PS dress code provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and provides options for parents/guardians when purchasing school uniform.
- Summer and Winter uniforms, as well as a sports uniform will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
- Summer uniform is to be worn in terms one and four and Winter uniform is to be worn in terms two and three. If a student is representing our school in an official capacity or is attending an excursion outside the school, then the expectation is that he/she will be wearing the correct uniform.
- The soft shell navy jacket is optional and is available for students to wear outside for additional warmth at break times, sporting activities and excursions etc. It does not replace the school jumper.
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are the only acceptable jewellery.
- Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school.
- The only head wear that is acceptable are Sunsmart hats as described in our dress code. They must be worn outside in terms 1 & 4. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the Parent Information Book and in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- The Principal will be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code. Parents will be contacted if necessary.
- Hair is to be tied back once it is shoulder length or longer. Hair bands, head bands and clips should be white or navy blue in colour. This is mainly for hygiene reasons to prevent the spread of lice and nits.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health conditions or economic hardship need to speak to the principal.



## Review:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's policy review process

Review dates: 2017, 2020, 2022, 2024

Next review: 2026

