



UNIFORM POLICY

Rationale

At St Francis of Assisi Parish Primary School, the school uniform promotes a sense of belonging, pride, and identity within our Catholic community. The uniform supports a positive learning environment by encouraging equity, reducing distractions, and fostering high standards of presentation and personal responsibility.

Aims

This policy aims to:

- Promote a strong sense of school identity and community.
- Ensure students are presented in a safe, practical, and appropriate manner for school activities. This includes maintaining the positive image and identity of the school in the community.
- Encourage equity amongst students.
- Develop students' responsibility and pride in their appearance.
- Provide clear expectations regarding school uniform requirements.
- Source durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.

Implementation

All students are expected to wear the approved St Francis of Assisi Parish Primary School uniform during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when representing the school at official events unless otherwise advised.

The approved uniform requirements are outlined in the school's **Uniform Requirements Schedule (Appendix A)**.

To support student safety and minimise distractions to learning:

- Hairstyles should be neat and appropriate for a school setting.
- Long hair is to be tied back. Hair ties and headbands in school colours may be worn.
- Only all-black school shoes are permitted (except when wearing the PE Uniform).
- A single pair of stud or basic ring earrings may be worn. Earrings that dangle or hang from the ear may not be worn at any time.
- A religious necklace or bracelet may be worn and hidden from view (such as a crucifix). All other jewellery (including bracelets, necklaces and rings) must not be worn unless under special circumstances with a request in writing from the parents/carers.
- Analogue watches and fitness-tracking watches may be worn. Smart watches with the capability to make phone calls, send or receive text messages, or access mobile

communication functions must be treated as mobile devices and handed to the appropriate staff member at the commencement of the school day.

- Makeup, artificial nails, and excessive accessories are not permitted.
- Only approved school headwear may be worn. This includes the school hat and school beanie.
- The school operates a uniform shop where all items of clothing (except school shoes) can be purchased. There will also be a Second-Hand Uniform shop operating at specified times throughout the year.
- Details of uniform items and cost will be provided at the time of enrolment and can be obtained from the School Office.
- Students may be required to remove items that present a safety risk.

Uniform Exemptions

The school recognises that there may be circumstances where a student is unable to wear part of the uniform. The school will work collaboratively with families to determine appropriate adjustments where required. Requests for temporary or ongoing exemptions may be made to the Principal or Level Leader and will be considered on the basis of:

- Medical or health needs.
- Cultural or religious requirements.
- Family circumstances.
- Other exceptional circumstances.

Responsibilities

The school will:

- Clearly communicate uniform expectations to students and families.
- Apply and enforce the policy consistently and respectfully.
- Consider requests for exemptions on an individual basis.
- Support families experiencing genuine hardship.

Parents and carers are expected to:

- Ensure their child attends school in the correct uniform.
- Clearly label all uniform items.
- Communicate with the school regarding any difficulties meeting uniform requirements.
- Ensure clothing and footwear are clean, safe, and in good condition.

Students are expected to:

- Wear the school uniform correctly and with pride.
- Care for their uniform and personal presentation.
- Follow staff directions regarding uniform expectations.
- Wear the designated sports uniform on nominated Physical Education and sporting days.
- Wear a school hat in Terms 1 & 4 in accordance with the school's Sunsmart Policy.

Related Policies

- SFOA Wellbeing Policy
- Sunsmart Policy
- Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy

Appendix A: Uniform Requirements Schedule

Summer School Uniform	
Boys	Girls
• Blue school hat • Blue shirt (short sleeve) • Grey shorts • Grey socks • All-black school shoes • Navy pullover/puffer vest/rain jacket	• Blue school hat • Summer dress • White socks • All-black school shoes • Navy pullover/puffer vest/rain jacket
Winter School Uniform	
Boys	Girls
• Blue shirt (short/long sleeve) • Grey shorts or trousers • Grey socks • All-black school shoes • Navy pullover/puffer vest/rain jacket • St Francis beanie and/or scarf (optional)	• Blue blouse • Pinafore with tights or girls slacks • All-black school shoes • Navy pullover/puffer vest/rain jacket • St Francis beanie and/or scarf (optional)
Sport Uniform (Unisex)	
• Blue sports polo (short/long sleeves) • White Graduate Polo (Year 6) • Track top • Track pants or sports shorts • Puffer vest/rain jacket • White socks (St Francis or plain white) • Runners (any colour/s)	

POLICY REVIEW

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