



ST MARY MACKILLOP SCHOOL, WALLAROO

UNIFORM POLICY

RATIONALE

The St Mary MacKillop School Uniform policy is designed to ensure consistency and equity in the dress standard at the school. The policy ensures that correct uniform is clearly outlined. Students, parents/carers and staff will have a voice in formulating the policy.

Our school uniform presents an identity and a public image to the wider community and enables each student to have equal status with regard to dress and eliminates competition and class distinction. We believe that it is important to develop in our students a feeling of pride in themselves and their school, and a sense of personal tidiness and cleanliness.

CHRISTIAN VALUES

- Collaboration and team work
- Respectful relationships

OBJECTIVES

We want to provide a school uniform that enables students to feel comfortable and has no gender bias. Students can be engaged in physical activity without being inhibited.

The uniform is to be of quality that lasts while still being affordable for families and be able to be handed on.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Principal will:

- oversee the function of the uniform committee, comprising school board sub-committee members, and school Administration Officer
- support teaching staff and parents to ensure that the correct school uniform is worn daily
- support families to meet uniform requirements

Parents/carers will

- ensure that the correct school uniform is purchased
- ensure that students wear the correct uniform each day
- ensure that the uniform is clean and well maintained
- ensure that all parts of this policy, including policy pertaining to hair and jewellery is adhered to
- name each item of clothing clearly and permanently
- check that their child has brought home their own piece of clothing and return items not belonging to their child to school
- notify the school if it is not possible for their child to wear the correct school uniform on a particular day

Students will:

- wear the appropriate uniform correctly each day
- understand that when wearing the school uniform they will meet the behavioural expectation of the school community (at school, related school activities, in public)
- look after their own clothing and put in school bag when not being worn
- respect the clothing of other students

Teachers and Staff will:

- check uniform (including hair and jewellery) regularly and ensure that the correct uniform is being worn
- speak with students as a reminder in the first instance if they are wearing incorrect uniform
- send a written reminder to parents and carers if the incorrect uniform continues to be worn
- inform the Principal if incorrect uniform continues to be worn

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Hair

- All hair of a length longer than the collar of their school shirt must be tied up. (This supports our policy for the control of head lice and to ensure a neat and tidy appearance is maintained)
- Hair should be worn in a neat and tidy manner
- Acceptable accessories outlined in regular uniform
- Coloured hair, coloured streaking, coloured highlights and coloured hair spray are not permitted, unless on days approved by the Principal (eg. sports day, crazy hair day, special school events)

Jewellery

- Watches and medic alerts are permitted
- Plain stud and or sleeper earrings may be worn; no more than one earring in each ear
- Neck chains with a small crucifix, cross or religious medal may be worn
- Rings and bracelets and other items of jewellery are not permitted
- Any exceptions to these expectations are to be discussed with and approved by the Principal

Personal Presentation

- Nail polish and make up are not permitted

Regular Uniform – *every day school wear purchased from the school uniform shop*

- Gabardine trousers – cooler weather
- Gabardine shorts – warmer weather
- School Windcheater (R-6)
- School Ruby Top (7-9 middle school colours)
- Striped Polo Top – short sleeve or long sleeve (no skivvies are to be worn under the short sleeve polo)
- Hat – Navy bucket style with school logo
- Shoes – plain black leather or leather-look, lace up, buckle or Velcro fasten
- Socks – plain navy (no anklet styles)
- Hair ties – navy or light blue scrunchies, ribbons, headbands and clips

Sports Uniform - *purchased from the school uniform shop****To be worn on Dance days and PE lesson days, at other times as notified***

- Sports PE top
- Sports PE shorts
- Sports PE track pants

- School windcheater or rugby top
- School hat
- Sports shoes
- Socks – St Mary MacKillop School sport socks or plain white (no anklet style)
- Hair ties - navy or light blue school scrunchies, ribbons, headbands and clips
- House Tops permitted on approved days

Compulsory items - *purchased from the school uniform shop*

- School bag (St Mary MacKillop School logo)
- Library bag (St Mary MacKillop School logo) Reception – Yr3
- Art smock Reception – Yr3

Optional items - *purchased from the school uniform shop*

- School Scarf – red or navy
- Winter jacket – plain navy
- R-6 Sports rugby top
- School beanie
- Year 6 and Year 9 Seniors Commemorative Tops

Optional items - purchased by family

- Plain navy gloves
- Plain navy jacket/coat

Correct school uniform, purchased from the school Uniform Shop open daily 8.15am-3.00pm.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Nil at this time

POLICY REVIEW

The School Board, staff and students review the effectiveness of this policy when required, at least once every three years.

DATE REVIEWED: 2024