



St John's Catholic Primary School Walkerston

Uniform Policy

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Policy Statement

Parents are required to ensure that their child(ren) always wear the prescribed uniform while their child(ren) are at school or involved in school-related activities. Students are required to wear the prescribed School Uniform, supported by their parents who will consult with the guidelines and purchase the correct items.

Description

The wearing of a school uniform at St John's encourages the development of a strong sense of identity, both within the school and in the wider community. It encourages a sense of equality and of personal dignity.

Implementation Issues

1. Children are encouraged to have respect for, and pride in, their personal appearance.
2. Parents are responsible for ensuring that the school uniform is maintained in good condition for the duration of the school year.
3. Parents may have input into any proposed uniform changes by bringing the matter to a meeting of the P & F Association.
4. Details of the prescribed school uniform are available at the time of initial enrolment and at the beginning of each subsequent year.
5. Items of new clothing that are specific to St John's are available through Uniform Solutions.
6. A second-hand clothing shop operates on a volunteer basis during the school year. Please contact the school office to confirm opening times.
7. Where there is financial difficulty for parents to provide the prescribed school uniform, parents are invited to discuss practical assistance with the principal.
8. Parents of children who repeatedly depart from wearing the prescribed uniform will receive communication from the school Leadership Team.
9. Variations to the uniform due to specific medical needs or for other reasons are to be discussed with the Principal prior to purchasing.

Reflection Material

Nil.

GUIDELINES AND REQUIREMENTS

Below is the range of uniform guidelines and requirements for students at St John's.

Parents must also support their child to maintain appropriate sizing, fit and length of uniforms:

- Boys' shirts should be of a length that they can be easily tucked in and remain tucked,
- The girls' blouse should be long enough to allow for modesty when arms are raised.
- The girls' skort/short should be long enough to allow for modesty and reasonably practical.

FORMAL UNIFORM: Worn by students in years 1 to 6. Available from Uniform Solutions. It is worn on every other day to the Sports Uniform:

- **Girls:**
 - Blouse: White and royal blue check. Button up with royal blue rounded collar and sleeve trim. Elbow length sleeves. Princess line over-blouse forming 2 front peaks on the hip line. School badge is to be worn on the left-hand side of uniform. Blouse worn untucked.
 - Skort: Royal blue.
 - Dress: White and royal blue checked poly-cotton. Button up with royal blue rounded collar and sleeve trim. Elbow length sleeves. Princess line. School badge is to be worn on the left-hand side of uniform.
- **Boys:**
 - Shirt: White and royal blue check. Button up with a royal blue reverse collar and sleeve trim. School badge is to be worn on the left-hand side of shirt. Shirt to be worn tucked in.
 - Shorts: Royal blue shorts *Midford* brand, short or medium length but not below the knee. **NO** 'cargo' or basketball shorts or knit shorts.



PREP UNIFORM: Worn everyday by students in Prep (except House Days). Available from Uniform Solutions.

- Shirt: Unisex Prep Polo
- Girls: Royal blue skort as per Formal Uniform
- Boys: Royal blue *Midford* brand.





SPORTS UNIFORM: Worn by students in years 1 to 6 only. Available from Uniform Solutions. The sports uniform can be worn on the day of the student's PE lesson (Thursday or Friday) and as an option on Tuesday. The shirt is worn tucked in.

- **Girls and Boys:**

- **Unisex Sports Shirt:** Vertically multi-striped from left: royal blue/white/royal blue/navy; royal blue sleeves and stripes continue on back. Collar printed with school name, navy tab. Available only from the school uniform shop.
- **Unisex Sports Shorts:** Ink in colour. The royal formal shorts are not to be worn with this uniform.



HOUSE UNIFORM: Worn by students in years 1 to 6. Available from

Uniform Solutions; limited supply at school. The shirt is worn tucked in. House shirts are to be worn for House Spirit Days and intra-school sporting carnivals (e.g St John's athletics and swimming carnivals).

- **Girls and Boys:**

- **Unisex Shirt** – Green (McAuley) and Gold (O'Connell) polo shirts. Collared with House name embroidered on left-side of chest
- **Shorts** – Ink colour as per sports uniform
- **Prep:** Prep students are to wear the shirt with their normal prep uniform short/skort

****N.B. This is the prescribed shirt. Other generic various should only be worn with school approval.**



WINTER UNIFORM: Students may wear the following items during cooler times of the year:

- **Girls and Boys:**

- **Preferred:** School jacket available from Uniform Solutions with embroidered school logo
- **Option:** Plain **navy** jumper, **navy** track suit (all with NO coloured trim or piping). Badges are available from the school office for stitching onto garments
- **Girls and Boys:** Undershirts should only be a *singlet* style and not visible; shirts of either long or short sleeve variety are not acceptable.
- **Girls:** Navy stockings with Formal uniform only.

**N.B. Leggings or tights are not a part of our uniform.





STUDENT LEADER SHIRTS:

Year Six students will have a student leader shirt that they are able to wear. This will be worn on Friday along with their sports shorts. Shirts should be worn tucked in where possible.

CENTENARY SHIRT

These are an optional shirt for all students and can be worn meeting the following guidelines:

- Worn on a Tuesday only.
- Prep wear them with their normal royal blue bottom.
- Years 1 to 6 wear them with their sports shorts.

These are only to be worn for the 2024 centenary school year.



FREE DRESS:

On occasion the school will hold free dress days. The following are guides to suitable and safe clothing for these days:

- **Shirts:** Shirts must have sleeves of at least a t-shirt/polo length to cover arms for sun safety
- **Bottoms:** Longs (jeans, pants etc.), leggings or shorts can be worn.
- **Dresses:** Acceptable
- **Shoes:** Joggers or school shoes are the only permissible shoes. No thongs, sandals or open toe shoes.
- **Hats:** Wide brim/bucket hats are allowed – no caps.

Please consider how 'short' dresses, shorts or leggings are both for modest reasons and practical reasons (running, PE, play etc.)



SCHOOL HAT:



The only option is our prescribed school bucket hat. This is available through Uniform Solutions. A limited supply of sizes are available from the school Administration.

Hats can be embroidered with the child's name, with attention to the following guidelines:

- Name can consist of LAST NAME only or FIRST NAME LAST INITIAL e.g. SMITH (last name only), or ELI H (first name, last initial)
- WHITE thread in a BLOCK font ALL CAPITALS 10mm high on the CENTRE BACK of the hat

This can be done either through Uniform Solutions or privately, being sure to follow the guidelines.

SHOES & SOCKS:

All students are to wear **black leather** or **leather look** lace up or velcro joggers, with the following requirements:

SHOES

- There are to be **no additional colours on the shoe**, including white piping or lettering. These can be blacked out by the parent with Nico or boot polish;
- The shoe is to be low cut at the ankle;
- There are to be **NO**
 - Canvas/ Volley styles or Mary-Jane style (girls mainly)

	Shoes	Socks
Acceptable		
Not Acceptable		



****N.B:** At times, students and parent may be given advice from medical professionals regarding footwear. Only at these times and with information provided by a doctor/medical practitioner should shoes outside of our guidelines be worn. This is at the discretion of the Principal.

SOCKS

- Plain white socks must be always worn. The sock must be no more or less than approximately 5 cm above the ankle of the shoe with **NO** colour visible and **NO** roll down styles.

HAIRCUTS:

- Boys and Girls:
 - No colours, perms, streaks, foils, extensions or coloured hair sprays
 - **No tracks** (including gauge designs, patterns or images cut into the hair)
 - Fringes cut or pinned so that they stay out of eyes
- Girls only:
 - Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back
 - All hair accessories must be minimal in size and of school colours only (royal blue, navy blue, black or white). "JoJo" style bows or the like are not acceptable
- Boys only:
 - Boys should have a neat "schoolboy" style haircut. Hair is to be no longer than the collar
 - Boys are not permitted to have extended hair lengths (e.g. **rat tails or mullets**)
 - Fringe lengths should be cut so that they are out of the eyes
 - Boys are not permitted to have hair cut shorter than gauge 2

****N.B:** While not directly related to uniforms, parents are also required to support their child with maintain their child's hair to avoid headlice.

ACCESSORIES:

- Girls and Boys:
 - A plain chain with Christian symbol/cross/crucifix may be worn by both girls and boys, inside the dress or shirt;
 - No bracelets of any type;
 - No arm bands (unless for recognition days/ events i.e. National Day of Action).
- Girls:
 - One or two earrings per ear lobe are permitted;
 - Earrings are limited to small traditional gold or silver sleepers or studs (with natural type stones);
 - A signet ring is acceptable;
 - No makeup or nail polish.
- Boys:
 - No piercings are permissible.



OTHER SCHOOL ITEMS



NON-UNIFORM ITEMS

Students out of uniform must have an accompanying note of explanation to be presented to the teacher.



Please ensure all of your child's clothes and belongings are clearly marked. Pay particular attention to items such as hats, water bottles/lunch boxes, jumpers as these are items regularly handed in at the office.