Uniform Policy

Rationale
A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equity, health and safety and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the School Uniform Policy.

Some uniform changes made early in 2007 were made with the school community’s deliberation and as such, it is the responsibility of all parents and carers to ensure that children are attired in correct and complete school uniform at all times.

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.

Uniform Variation
When a child is unable to wear the correct uniform a parent/carer is required to send a note to the class teacher explaining the reason and the period for which the student is unable to wear the correct uniform.

Uniform Shop
St John’s Parents and Friends Association have a uniform shop coordinator. This volunteer coordinator is responsible for all ordering and purchasing of uniforms and other such items on the school’s behalf. The opening and availability of uniform purchases is at the discretion of the volunteer and will be made public through school newsletters.

Implications
• After consultation with the school community, the St John’s School Uniform Policy has been developed with criteria that provide clear instructions of what students are and are not allowed to wear to school. The uniform allows students to safely engage in all school activities and caters for the financial constraints of families.
• The St John’s School Uniform Policy applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school and, in some circumstances, when students are on school excursions.
• Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms, will be prescribed and are required to be worn.
• Extreme hair colours (e.g.: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (e.g.: severe colouring, Mohawks) are not permitted.
• Nail polish and other cosmetics may not be worn at school.
• The only headwear that is acceptable is Sun Smart hats consistent with our Sun Smart policy. They must be worn outside at all times.
• Parents and Friends Association will operate a second hand uniform store for parents.
• The student dress code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase are published at the bottom of this policy and amendments will be published in the school newsletter.
• Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms to support families experiencing economic hardship.
• Parents seeking exemptions to the dress code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the School Principal.
# St John’s School Uniform/Student Dress Code

## Girls

### Formal / Summer
Dress - Striped poly/cotton (Fabric 8282), "A" Line design with collar and full sleeve the same colour as the dress and School crest embroidered on the left breast.

Blouse - Striped poly/cotton (Fabric 8282), Royal Blue tie, splits in side and embroidered pocket.

Sports Skort - Royal Blue

## Boys

### Formal / Summer
Shirt - Striped poly/cotton (Fabric 8282) Shirt with splits in side and School crest embroidered on the left breast.

Shorts - Plain Royal Blue or Royal Blue with St John’s School logo. (No other exposed brand name e.g. UMBRO etc).

## Winter
As Above / Listed Variations

Jacket – School Royal Blue Ripstop Jacket with white trims and zipper. School crest embroidered on the left breast.

Track Pants – Royal Blue Track Pants

## Sport
School Sports Polo – Royal and Navy Blue with School crest embroidered on the left breast.

Shorts – Plain Royal Blue or Royal Blue with St John’s School logo. (No other exposed brand name e.g. UMBRO etc)

Sports Skort - Royal Blue

Year Seven Sports Polo – Royal Blue and White to be worn as an alternative to the School Sports Polo.

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Additional/Compulsory Items

Hat - Royal Blue wide brimmed poly/cotton "slouch" with St John's logo, DEFINITELY no caps - no hat no play

Footwear –

- Terms 1-4 – Enclosed laced up or Velcro shoe e.g. jogger, school shoe, in predominately conservative colours e.g. black, blue, white or brown.
- Terms 1 and 4 – As above or a sandal with a back strap in predominately conservative colours e.g. black, blue, white or brown. No thongs.


Socks - Uniform colours. i.e. Royal Blue or white only.

Hair - All long/shoulder length hair to be tied back or plaited. This applies to males and females as it discourages head lice. Hair should only be of a natural colour.

Hair Decoration - Kept to a minimum, Royal Blue, White or band matching hair colour.

Jewellery - Sleepers/studs in ears only. Chains with religious significance, e.g. a crucifix, are allowed. Rings should be kept at home and not be worn to school. (A maximum of one earring per ear). Watches that are silver, gold, black or matching school colours.

Uniform Discrepancies

Any discrepancies in relation to the dress code and condition of school uniforms, including exemption to the dress code, remain at the principal's discretion.

Footnote for all children in Prep to Year Seven

The current St John’s Uniform Policy was ratified in 2012 to coincide with several uniform changes. All newly enrolled students in Prep to Year Seven will be expected to commence school wearing the new uniform. Current enrolments may continue to wear pre-existing uniforms until the end of 2013.

Evaluation

The St John's Uniform Policy will be reviewed in 2017 as part of the school's review cycle.