

## **Uniform Policy**

The wearing of a school uniform promotes a sense of belonging, pride, safety and unity. It contributes to our public image, reduces peer pressure and encourages appropriate clothing for school activities. Equality and inclusivity are fostered by a policy common to all students, focusing on comfortable, practical clothing and footwear.

This policy is informed by the Instruction issued by the Department for Education, and is endorsed by the Governing Council. Issues of health, safety, equity and expense have been considered when developing this policy.

## It is expected that all students will wear school uniform.

The uniform is based on the school colours of navy blue and yellow and consists of:

- Plain navy pants, skorts, skirts or shorts (no denim)
- Navy short sleeved polo shirts (school logo preferred)
- Navy blue jumpers or windcheaters (school logo preferred)
- Summer dresses of blue/white check
- Following our Sun Smart policy, hats must be worn ie navy blue legionnaires, broad brimmed or bucket hat (without strap)
- Year 6 students may also wear an approved 'seniors' jumper or polo shirt, made available to encourage a greater sense of identity and responsibility.

## **Guidelines**

- Closed shoes are encouraged at all times, although secure sandals may be worn
- Hats are to be worn on any day the UV level is predicted to reach 3 or above in accord with the school's Sun Smart policy
- Jewellery and hair ties should be minimal and inconspicuous. Jewellery should be limited to sleeper
  or stud earrings, watches and culturally or medically required identification. Additional items (ie
  anxiety/sensory aids) may be used in consultation with teacher
- Make up and false nails are not appropriate for school. Nail polish is not encouraged.
- The wearing of brand names on clothing is not permitted
- In respect of student's religious and cultural practices, a headscarf or head coverings may be worn
- Casual day clothing must adhere to safety requirements (hats, shoes, jewellery)
- School sports shirts are available for loan when a student is representing the school for SAPSASA or similar sports events.

On request from families, the Principal may exempt students from any part of the uniform policy. This is at the Principal's discretion.

## **Availability**

- School uniforms may be purchased through the Uniform Shop or online (info on school website)
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   Second hand uniforms are encouraged to promote sustainability and affordability and may be available through our Pastoral Care Worker
- Students who do not adhere to the uniform policy may receive reminders or communication home to families
- If you need support to meet the requirements of the uniform policy please contact our Pastoral Care Worker or the school leadership team.

Policy review date: September 2027.