



ST JOSEPH'S MALVERN CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

At St. Joseph's we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children as a central and fundamental responsibility of our school. At all times, the ongoing safety and wellbeing of all children at St. Joseph's will be the primary focus of care and decision-making, with particular attention paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability.

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 equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To promote consistent and tidy appearance.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide safe, durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school outside the school grounds.

Implementation:

- The Principal in consultation with the EAB has developed a dress code that we believe provides choice for the students, allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year and maintained on the web site throughout the year.
- Any change of dress code will be implemented gradually and with plenty of notice for parents to manage the change cost effectively.
- Hats must be worn outside in terms 1 & 4. If hats are not worn outside during Terms 1 and 4, the students need to stay in a shaded area
- If a student is repeatedly reminded to meet uniform standards, the school will make contact with the parents/guardians to discuss the situation and ongoing expectations

Elements of the Uniform Dress Code

- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn. For guidance on the elements of the uniform visit <http://www.sjmalvern.catholic.edu.au>
- Changes from summer to winter uniform will also be promoted in the newsletter
- The dress code also requires students to wear black school shoes with navy socks or tights and sports shoes with white socks on sport days
- Stud earrings and sleepers worn in the ears, plus watches are considered acceptable jewellery. Teachers may ask for other jewellery to be removed for safety reasons and the school is not responsible for any loss of jewellery
- If girls or boys have shoulder length hair or longer it is to be tied back with the school coloured elastics, headbands or ribbons (**maroon or navy only**) Extreme hair colours (eg: green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg: spikes or mohawks) are not permitted.
- Cosmetics may not be worn at school
- The only headwear that is acceptable is school hat consistent with our Sunsmart policy.
- In Grade 6 the uniform incorporates clothing items for Grade 6s only – ie a special Grade 6 jumper and students in Grades 4 to 6 can wear their winter tunics as a skirt.

Availability

- Our uniform is available through Bob Stewart Malvern. **Address:** 158-160 Waverley Road, EAST MALVERN VIC 3145; **CONTACT DETAILS:** Phone: (03) 9036 7342
Email: malvern@bobstewart.com.au

FOR ONLINE ORDERS PLEASE VISIT

<http://www.bobstewart.com.au/>

- The Parents and Friends Association currently operate a “Second hand Uniform Stall” for second hand uniforms once a term. The date of the stall will be published in the newsletter and on-line
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms to families experiencing economic hardship.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the four year review cycle.

Compiled: Principal

Reviewed February 2021