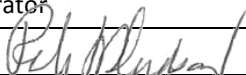




## St. Patrick's School, Nhill

# UNIFORM POLICY

Recommended by PAC	Ratified	Next Review Date
20/6/2018	2/8/2018	2021
<b>Policy Authorisation</b> – Canonical Administrator		
Fr. Peter Hudson	Signature	

### Rationale

The wearing of school uniform is compulsory at St. Patrick's School. Wearing a uniform is a badge of pride, creating an identity for the school and is an important part of being a student at our school.

Implementation of this policy will –

- assist with the provision of a safe school environment for students.
- identify students with the school.
- enhance the appearance of the students.
- provide cost effective items of durable clothing.

### Policy Statement

All students attending St. Patrick's School are required to wear school uniform.

Uniform regulations may be amended at other times at the discretion of the Principal and in consultation with the School Advisory Council.

The school's uniform is attractive and easy to wear and care for; it helps encourage a school spirit, negates peer group pressure and gives the students a sense of belonging to our school. The uniform also provides a measure of security when students are on excursions.

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that their children come to school wearing the correct uniform. If, for some reason, particular items are not available on any given day, a note should be sent with the child, in order to eliminate any misunderstanding.

It is the responsibility of the Principal and staff to ensure that the uniform regulations are enforced. The Principal or Teacher will send home a note requesting that the student wear correct uniform, unless the school is notified of a particular reason for incorrect uniform.

### Guidelines

#### Excursions

Unless otherwise indicated by the Principal, students must wear correct school uniform on all excursions.

#### Exemptions

If medical or other justifiable reasons prevent the wearing of an item of the uniform, parents should provide the Classroom Teacher/Principal with a note specifying the time of requested exemption from the School Uniform Policy. Requests for exemption will be referred to the Principal for approval. Appropriate clothes in school colours must still be worn.

Warm clothing (non-uniform items) e.g. coat, scarf, beanie, gloves, may be worn outside when the weather is cold, but must be removed inside the classroom.

### **Hair**

Hair is to be worn in a neat and tidy style. Students with longer hair should wear it tied back, or “up” in a ponytail, plait or some other suitable style.

### **Hats**

All students must wear a broad brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hat from mid-August until the end of April in accordance with our SunSmart Policy. During winter the wearing of the sun hat is optional, but encouraged if the weather is warm or sunny.

### **Jewellery & Make-up**

Jewellery is not part of the school dress code. However, if a child has pierced ears, one plain stud or sleeper per ear may be worn. This is to ensure safety in activities. Students are permitted to wear a watch. Make-up or nail polish is not permitted.

### **Naming Clothing**

Parents must ensure that every item of clothing and every personal belonging are clearly named.

### **Non-Uniform (Casual Dress) Days**

On school approved non-uniform (casual dress) days students should wear appropriate clothing and shoes that do not contravene the Occupational Health, Safety and Welfare requirements of the school. No thongs or singlets or dresses with thin straps are to be worn on these occasions.

### **Sports Uniform**

Students can wear suitable clothing and footwear for Physical Education lessons and inter-school sport events.

### **Uniform Access**

Most uniform items are available from Cambrelle’s. Items marked ① are available exclusively from Cambrelle’s.

## **School Uniform Options**

### **COMPULSORY ITEMS**

- ① Royal blue short-sleeve polo top with embroidered school logo and white trim.
- ① Royal blue half-zip or full-zip polar fleece jumper with embroidered school logo.
- ① Plain navy long pants, track pants, shorts or skorts (plain navy only, no stripes or other colours).
- ① Plain navy broad-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hat, with embroidered school logo.

Socks - white or navy.

Plain black school shoes (lace-up or buckle shoes), runners or boots. In summer, a closed-toe sandal is acceptable (plain black or brown). Not permitted: thongs, canvas shoes, crocs. \*It is recommended that children wear shoes, boots or runners that they can manage to put on and take off by themselves.

### **OPTIONAL ITEMS**

Navy gingham check short sleeve summer dress.\*

- ① Royal blue microfibre jacket with white shoulder stripe and embroidered school logo.
- ① Plain navy polar fleece vest with embroidered school logo.
- ① Royal blue long-sleeve polo top with embroidered school logo.

Plain navy or white skivvy or long-sleeve top (for layering).

Plain navy sports briefs.

\*Plain navy sports briefs should be worn under the summer dress.

**SPORTS UNIFORM**

A combination of plain navy shorts or plain navy track pants with school polo top, or royal blue and white singlet with embroidered school logo (school supplied).

**SCHOOL BAG**

A backpack style bag is recommended, where openings are easy to use and the bag is of a suitable size to accommodate A4 size worksheets, documents and take-home book (reader) bag, a lunch box and a drink bottle. The bag should not be too big or cumbersome for smaller children to manage.

**Evaluation and Review**

This policy will be reviewed in the school's three year review cycle.

**Related Documents**

- Head Lice Policy
- SunSmart Policy

Document History			
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1.2	2015		
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