

St. Mary Magdalene's School

Policy Title: School Uniform/ Dress Code



Developed by: Staff and School Board

Note: All references to staff members include all Education Support Officers, Teachers and Temporary Relieving Teachers.

Underlying Assumptions, Philosophy and Rationale

- wearing of the correct uniform is a requirement of all students attending St Mary Magdalene's School
- a dress code provides a common ground for all parents and students
- a dress code eliminates possible conflict over what to wear or buy and assists in the prevention of discrimination based on dress
- elements of the dress code are also incorporated for reasons of safety (e.g. no dangling earrings) and respectability
- students representing their school on excursions, in school photographs and at sporting events are expected to adopt the dress code
- students wearing incorrect school uniform will not be permitted to attend school excursions

Purpose/Aims

- ensure that all students wear the school uniform correctly and with pride
- ensure equity

Guidelines

- The school will make a copy of this policy available to the school community via the school website

Responsibility of the Principal

- Inform parents/carers of the guidelines

Responsibility of staff

- remind students of the correct uniform
- wear a hat where students are expected to wear a hat
- follow up student's not wearing correct uniform and send home uniform letter
- (see attachment) where necessary

Responsibility of students

- Wear the uniform correctly

Responsibility of Parents/Carers

- buy the correct uniform
- clearly name/label all items of clothing
- check Lost Property in Front Office when uniform items go missing

- ensure that their children follow the school uniform guidelines
- inform the school of the reason their child may be not wearing correct uniform and expected duration

ST MARY MAGDALENE'S SCHOOL UNIFORM

AVAILABILITY

- Uniforms are available from Lowes at Elizabeth City Centre
- Some second hand uniforms are available from the school

SHOES

- Any colour sneakers with the exception of fluoro sneakers or wheelie shoes

SOCKS

- White socks

HATS

- Students must wear a St. Mary Magdalene's School Hat when participating in outdoor activities during the months when UV is 3 and above. During the months of June-August hats are not needed on the days when UV level is below 3
- Staff must wear a hat or use an umbrella

JEWELLERY

Students can wear jewellery that conforms to the following

- a wrist watch
- one set of plain gold or silver sleepers/stud earrings (one in ear) – small birth stones, no symbols or dangling earrings
- medic alert bracelet
- one fine chain necklace including a religious symbol be worn inside clothing
- all other jewellery is not permitted

MAKE UP

- Make up is not permitted including nail polish

HAIR

- extreme hair styles or hair of an unnatural colour is not permitted. Examples of this are, unusual cuts/styles e.g. rats tails, shaved heads patterned cuts and extreme hair colouring are not permitted. Cuts less than a 'No. 2' are not permitted. Spikes, mohawks or unusual styles e.g. untidy/unkept ruffled look are not acceptable.
- shoulder length or longer hair must be tied back or worn up
- all hair ties to conform to school colours of navy blue, red or teal

LOST PROPERTY

- located in the Front Office
- kept for two weeks and then re-located to Second Hand Shop

BASIS OF DISCRETION

- Nil


SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

- Nil

FINANCIAL BUDGET

- Nil

Signed: _____


Principal on behalf of the School Board

Date: 2016

Date to be reviewed: 2019



St Mary Magdalene's School

STUDENT _____ CLASS _____ DATE _____

Dear

SCHOOL UNIFORM INFRINGEMENT

Today your child did not comply with the school uniform requirements.

Shorts / Skorts

Trackpants

Polo Shirt

Jacket

Hair

Hair ties

Shoes /Laces Socks

Jewellery

Make Up

Other

A copy of the school's Uniform Policy is available on the school website www.smm.catholic.edu.au
You can also request a hard copy from the Front Office.

The purpose of wearing the school uniform is about equity, identity and safety.

The school appreciates that at times circumstances may occur that make it impossible for students to wear the correct school uniform. We are also aware that some students choose not to wear correct school uniform.

If there are special circumstances around your child not wearing the correct uniform please contact your child's teacher by phone or email with an explanation. This saves the child what can sometimes be an uncomfortable conversation with the teacher or Leadership.

Yours sincerely

Class Teacher



Please complete and return to school via your child.

Name of student: _____

I have received and read School Uniform Infringement note.

Parent / Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____