

UNIFORM POLICY

Because the St Brigid's School Community values its identity, student dress standards should promote a positive image of the school within the community and encourage students to uphold and enhance that image. It is by, and through, the maintenance of dress standards that the school community can express a sense of belonging for its students. In formulating this policy, the school community has experienced a wide range of consultation. The policy, therefore, reflects the common values prevalent, but is informed by current laws, regulations, community standards and gospel values.

General Principles:

1. Student dress standards will:-
 - be sensitive to the maturity of students, gender, disability, religious and cultural beliefs and socio-economic circumstances:
 - maximise access to, and participation in, all educational experiences for both male and female students:
 - ensure health and safety according to relevant legislation and policy:
 - minimise harassment attributed to, and accentuated by, dress.
2. Approaches which encourage and reward students for upholding dress standards are worthwhile, and these should reflect the broader school philosophy, especially aspects which relate to student welfare.
3. All members of the school community have responsibility for ensuring that dress standards are maintained, but it is the role of the principal who is aware of, and sensitive to family circumstances, to address individual cases.

Uniform Requirements:

Footwear

- St Brigid's logo white ankle socks
- completely black shoes (may be leather, sand-shoes or sports style) -
coloured stripes or high ankle boots are not permitted.
- the wearing of white or navy school leather sandals on non-sport days is optional during terms 1&4.

Hats

- school surf hat with school emblem
- yellow band on preparatory hats
- a "no hat - no play" rule applies.

Sportswear

- gold sports shirt with emblem
- bottle green sports shorts with emblem
- black sports style shoe
- bottle green netball skirt with emblem must be worn with bottle green sport pants

Cold Weather Wear

- bottle green tracksuit pants and tracksuit jacket and/or V neck jumper with emblem may be worn over both sports and day uniforms
- alternatively, bottle green "tights" may be worn under dresses or shorts.

Day Dress Wear

- check dress with emblem, or
- check shirt with emblem and bottle green rigger style shorts.

Hair

- hair which extends beyond normal collar length or which affects the child's participation in school activities is to be secured with school coloured ribbons or "scrunchies".
(bottle green, white, school check colours for day dress)
(lemon or bottle green coloured for sports days)
- hairstyles should comply with standards of neatness practicality and safety.

Jewellery

- wrist watches and ear studs are permitted as items of jewellery. For safety reasons, we would prefer only ear studs be worn, as rings can be accidentally pulled through the ear lobe.

Policy Statements

- The wearing of non-uniform items is not permitted without the permission of the principal.

Availability and Purchase of Uniforms

- Parents are encouraged to purchase uniforms from the school shop. When viable, a second-hand clothing pool will be established. Uniform items may be purchased from either outlets but parents are to ensure that such items meet school standards of colour, style and fabric.
- Supplies are available from the uniform shop on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8.30- 9.30 am or by arrangement through the school office.
- Parents will be advised of bulk ordering deadlines. Orders received after deadlines are unable to be filled. A small supply of stock will be carried by the uniform shop for new enrolments and emergencies.
- **Cash and cheque & EFTPOS facilities available**

Changes to Uniform Items

Given the cost and energy expended in establishing the current uniforms, and, with reference to current contractual arrangements, changes will only be considered where the following procedures are followed:

1. The proposed changes are specified and reasons are clearly justified and addressed in writing to the uniform committee or as suggested by the uniform committee.
2. If the uniform committee view the proposal as warranted, they will then be charged with the responsibility to investigate issues such as cost practicality, availability and adherence to the general principle.
3. The proposed changes are then discussed at P & F Meeting after giving school community at least one weeks notice.

