



St Paul's Catholic Primary School

Uniform Policy

Rationale

The wearing of the school uniform is an outward sign of the respect that a student has for themselves and the St Paul's Catholic Primary School community. The St Paul's uniform serves as an outward sign of what the school stands for, and the correct wearing of uniform is an indication of students' pride in being members of the school community. We believe that the wearing of a school uniform reduces the social inequities that may be evident in a community that does not enforce a standard uniform. This assists in respecting the dignity of each individual by reducing social class barriers.

Guidelines

1. All students are to wear the full, correct uniform at all times.
2. The uniform is to be worn in a neat and tidy manner.
3. Damaged or shabby items of uniform are to be replaced.
4. School uniform regulations apply equally to hair, jewellery, make-up, hats and shoes.
5. Classroom teachers are responsible for checking uniform on a daily basis.
6. Where a uniform breach occurs a verbal reminder/warning is given.
7. If a repetition of uniform breaches occurs, parents will be contacted by way of a uniform notification.
8. Where financial difficulties hamper a student in fully meeting all uniform requirements, the Principal may supply items of uniform at the school's expense.

HAIR

Students are required to wear their hair in a neat and tidy manner. Hair should be well brushed and combed and it is assumed that hair will not be in such a condition as to invite comment.

BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Extreme styles, bleaching, colouring or dyeing of hair are not permitted. Gel, mousse and hair spray or other substances should not be used. There will be no undercuts, steps or shaved lines within the hair.

- Nothing shorter than a Number 3 comb is acceptable.
- Hair should not extend to cover the eyes or touch the shirt collar (boys).
- Boys' hair should be of a length not to attract attention. 'Man buns' and mullets are not permitted at St Paul's.
- Students who do not abide by the haircut requirements will be asked to fix the identified problem.

- Long hair is to be tied back or plaited. Ribbons and bands of school colour are to be worn. No oversized bows or hair adornments permitted.

JEWELLERY

Jewellery should be kept to a minimum – watches, chains with religious symbols are to be worn under the uniform, for girls **one** pair small earrings (studs or sleepers) in the ear lobe – **NO** multiple earrings to be worn. No nail polish.

SHOES AND SOCKS

Students are required to wear black leather school shoes.

Shoes should be cleaned and polished.

Sports shoes should be supportive, predominantly white sport shoes.

Sports socks must be white socks i.e. covering the ankle. 'Sockettes' are not appropriate for school wear.

Basis of Discretion

- Discretion may be used for first-time offenders.
- The Principal has the right to waver uniform requirements in special circumstances.

Supporting Documents

- School Handbook Part 1
- School Enrolment Policy
- Parent Letter Template

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed in 2028.

Date of Implementation

This policy was implemented in Term 1, 2024.