



St Joseph's School WONTHAGGI

UNIFORM POLICY

Rationale

The wearing of a school uniform, in accordance with the uniform dress code, assists students in recognising themselves as an integral part of the school community. It also helps reinforce pride in their appearance and in representing the school.

In the establishment of this Dress Code issues such as expense, health and safety and equality have been considered.

AIMS

- Promote equality and inclusivity amongst all students (reduces peer pressure caused by competition with dress)
- Encourage further development of a sense of pride in our school
- Enhance identification with our school
- Provide durable clothing that is comfortable, cost effective and practical for our school environment
- Maintain and advance the positive image of the school in the community
- Ensure the safety of students by making them easily identifiable
- Provide a range of choices for all seasons
- Ensure students have protection from sun damage (Sunsmart)

DRESS CODE

The school uniform is compulsory at St Joseph's Primary School. This code will apply during school hours, while traveling to and from school, on school excursions and when students are engaged in school activities out of school hours.

The school uniform consists of the following garments and items:

St Joseph's school bag	
<i>Boys Uniform:</i>	<i>Girls Uniform:</i>
Grey Shorts or Grey Trousers	St Joseph's Pinafore (Winter months only)
Navy Polo Shirt (short or long with School Logo)	Navy Tights or Navy Socks (worn with Pinafore)

Grey Socks	Grey Shorts or Grey Trousers
All students:	Navy Polo Shirt (short or long with School Logo)
Grey School Logo Windcheater	St Joseph's Summer dress (Summer months only)
All black school shoes	Light blue ankle socks (worn with Summer dress)
St Joseph's School Hat (worn September to April)	
Sports Uniform:	Optional:
Red Shorts or Red Track Pants	School Logo Spray Jacket
Red School Logo Windcheater	
Navy/Red Polo Shirt with School Logo	
Plain White Socks or St Joseph's logo white school socks	
Runners	

Uniform Requirements

All uniforms, excepting shoes, are to be purchased through the Totally Work Wear to ensure consistency of appearance.

The school Physical Education uniform is only to be worn on the designated days and as advised by teachers for special events.

As a Sunsmart school, the St Joseph's School hat is compulsory from September 1 until 30 April.

HAIR Students must have haircuts that are appropriate for allowing them to work (hair out of faces) and presentable. Hair that falls in students' faces should be tied back. Hair ties should be in school or neutral colours. Students should not wear unnatural hair colour.

NAIL POLISH AND MAKE UP is not to be worn at school. Only clear lip balm/gloss may be worn.

JEWELLERY Should be minimal e.g. a watch/chain may be worn. Only plain stud earrings or basic sleeper earrings may be worn in the lobe of the ear. Permission to vary from the jewellery stipulation must be sought from the Principal. Medic Alerts are to be worn by children with a medical condition that may require urgent medical assistance.

LOST ITEMS The school makes provision for the return of lost property and uniform items that are labelled with the student's name. It is the responsibility of parents to clearly label the property of their child. The school will not accept responsibility for lost and damaged items of students.

SCHOOL UNIFORM FREE DAYS The Principal may announce a School Uniform Free/Casual Dress Day occasionally as part of a social service or whole school activity.

WHERE TO OBTAIN THE UNIFORM The school's contracted uniform supplier is Totally Work Wear (TWW) Wonthaggi, which is located at 11 Murray Street.

Implementation:

It is an expectation that all students attending St Joseph's wear the correct school uniforms at all times and this will be enforced by staff members.

Students who are out of uniform need to bring a note presenting a reasonable explanation, from their parents.

Staff will request a note from students out of uniform. If this is not provided, parents will be contacted.

Uniforms help create an environment of security for students, taking away unnecessary pressure from children who may feel anxious about the need to conform with their peers. As we have a commitment to ensuring our school is as safe as possible for our children, we have a duty to enforce the school uniform and our expectation is for our parents and children to work in partnership with us and do the same.

RELATED POLICIES

- Pastoral Care Policy
- Student Welfare Policy

Review: This policy will be reviewed biannually.