

# St Mary's College School Uniform Guidelines

## Preface

A school uniform is central to schools building a sense of community among students, staff and parents as well as the local community. It plays a key role in promoting pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging within the student body. These factors contribute to students' wellbeing, removing the additional pressures of deciding what to wear and added stress of meeting the expectation of their peers. Uniform removes the points of difference between students, thus unifying the student body and providing a greater focus on academic work. At all times, students are expected to be in complete uniform, neat and well-groomed in appearance. This includes whilst travelling to and from the College. Students who are deemed to not comply with the College Uniform Policy, will be referred to their Pastoral Care/ Class Teacher, House Leader or Director. All items of uniform should be clearly named. Further information about the uniform is also provided in the Uniform Booklet. Uniform expectations are set out below:

- The uniform for students in Kindergarten to Year 2 is the College PE uniform. Year 3 – 12 students wear the full formal uniform to school.
- The blazer must be worn as part of the formal uniform to and from school, on formal occasions, in the Cathedral and for assemblies.
- Skirts and summer dresses are to be just before or at the knee.
- Brown school shoes are to be worn with the formal uniform and shoes should be clean and polished regularly.
- The PE uniform may be worn to school on PE days, or if the student has a Sports Pass, or when advised by the College. Students may wear the track suits pants, or shorts to and from school.
- Shoes worn with the PE uniform must be Sports Shoes (No Street Shoes).
- If a student does not have the full PE uniform, then the full formal uniform must be worn to and from school.



- SMC leggings may only be worn at training, PE lessons or games.
- The soft-shell jacket is part of the PE uniform and may be worn over the blazer to and from school, weather permitting.
- The blue bucket SMC hat must be worn when outside in the sun at lunchtime or during activities in Terms 1 and 4. Kindergarten students wear a red bucket hat.
- Hair should be off the face and tied back if it grows below the shoulder.
- Hair should be a natural colour without fashion extremes.
- Hair accessories include sky blue, chocolate brown or bottle green ribbons and hairbands. Fashion hairclips are not permitted.
- Scarves must be bottle green, sky blue or chocolate brown.
- Students may wear a watch and two pairs of small plain metallic studs (max 5mm) or small plain metallic sleeper earrings worn parallel in the earlobes (no pearls or stones). No other piercings are permitted.
- Minimal makeup and natural nail or French nail polish is permitted.

#### Casual Dress Code:

Casual clothes days and excursions, including camps, students are allowed to wear non-uniform clothing as advised. As per normal uniform days, the wearing of jewellery rules and make-up remains the same. Items of clothing with logos or slogans that are offensive, at the discretion of the College are not permitted. Closed in shoes are to be worn for specified activities.