

Uniform Policy

Rationale

Our school is committed to a compulsory school uniform for all children attending St. Elizabeth's School. A uniform reinforces in students a pride in their appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of this Uniform policy.

The school believes the following are the benefits derived from the wearing of school uniform by all children.

- Families have the opportunity to purchase economical, durable, functional and practical clothing items.
- Wearing a uniform improves school tone and atmosphere and helps develop a sense of pride and identification with the school.
- Compulsory uniforms assist to eliminate peer group pressure to wear less appropriate clothing, reduces competition amongst children and removes pressure on families to provide 'fashionable' items for daily wear.
- Prepares children for the expectations and uniform policies of secondary schools which St. Elizabeth's children will attend in future years. It also prepares them for the different uniforms and dress codes they may be expected to wear in future employment and in different social settings.
- Promotes equality amongst all students.
- Assists with student identification and safety in public places.
- Maintains the high public and community regard for the school and its students.
- Assists students to take responsibility for preparing themselves for school each day.

Implementation

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- Summer and Winter uniforms as well as Sports uniform will be prescribed and they are required to be worn during school hours, while travelling to and from school and when students are representing the school during outside school hours occasions.
- All children representing the school for any event or activity may only do so when wearing full school uniform.
- For safety reasons, jewellery with the exception of watches and plain stud or small 'sleeper' earrings is not permitted.
- Obvious hair colouring and extreme or attention seeking hair styles are not permitted. For safety and health reasons, it is required that children with shoulder length or longer hair, have it tied back. Hair accessories must be in school colours, blue and maroon, e.g. hair ribbons, headbands.
- Other than clear nail polish, coloured nail polish and other cosmetics are not permitted.
- The only headwear that is acceptable is "Sunsmart" hats consistent with our Sunsmart Policy and school beanies in Term 2 and 3. In line with this policy, during Terms 1 and 4, all children will be required to wear a school hat when outside. This includes lunchtime, recess, Physical Education classes and sports sessions. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items will be available at the office and sent home at the beginning of Term 1 each year.
- All clothing must be in reasonable and clean condition. Torn or ripped clothing must be mended, patched or replaced as appropriate.

The Principal

- Sports uniform and runners are prescribed for participation in Physical Education or sporting activities. Runners are to be standard sports shoes which are designed to support and protect feet in sporting activities. (Shoes with special features e.g. wheels, lights and distinctive patterning are not appropriate).
- The Principal is to be responsible for the implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the schools Wellbeing Policy.
- Parents seeking an exemption to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health conditions or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal.

The Principal

1. May authorise alternative clothing to be worn for special occasions or camps, excursions.
2. May excuse a student from wearing school uniform in exceptional circumstances.
3. May assist students in financial need to acquire uniform items.

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Summer Uniform (Terms 1 & 4)

Boys:

Royal blue monogrammed polo shirt (long or short sleeved), maroon monogrammed shorts, royal blue socks, maroon monogrammed windcheater or jacket, school hat.

Girls

St. Elizabeth's school dress, or royal blue monogrammed polo shirt (long or short sleeved), maroon monogrammed shorts, royal blue socks, maroon monogrammed windcheater or jacket, school hat.

Footwear

Black leather school shoes (these maybe T-bar, buckle shoes, formal dress style show, leather runner school shoe or black leather boots cut low to the level of the ankle bone).

Year 6 students have the option of

Royal blue monogrammed polo shirt, or maroon monogrammed windcheater, or maroon monogrammed windcheater, with names of students printed on the back

Winter Uniform (Terms 2 &3)

Boys:

Royal blue monogrammed polo shirt (long or short sleeved), maroon monogrammed track pants, royal blue socks, maroon monogrammed windcheater or jacket. School scarves and beanies in royal blue are optional.

Girls

The Principal

The Uniform will consist of the following items.

St. Elizabeth's winter school dress, or royal blue monogrammed polo shirt (long or short sleeved), maroon monogrammed shorts, royal blue socks, maroon monogrammed windcheater or jacket. School scarves and beanies in royal blue are optional

Footwear

Black leather school shoes (these maybe T-bar, buckle shoes, formal dress style show, leather runner school shoe or black leather boots cut low to the level of the ankle bone)

Year 6 students have the option of

Royal blue monogrammed polo shirt, or maroon monogrammed windcheater, or maroon monogrammed windcheater, with names of students printed on the back

School Bags

Monogrammed schoolbag is compulsory.

Sports Uniform

Boys

Royal blue monogrammed polo shirt, maroon monogrammed shorts or maroon monogrammed track pants. School hat in terms 1 & 4.

Girls

Royal blue monogrammed polo shirt, maroon monogrammed shorts or maroon monogrammed track pants. School hat in terms 1 & 4.

Year 5 and 6 students

Optional: Maroon and royal blue microfiber sports shirt with school name on back.

Sports Footwear

Standard black runners with capacity to support and protect foot in sporting conditions.

School Hats

In line with our Sunsmart Policy, during Term 1 and 4, all children will be required to wear a 'Sunsmart' school hat, legionnaire or broad brimmed style, navy with school logo when outside. This includes lunchtime, recess and Physical Education classes, sports sessions and other outside class activities.

Extreme Weather

On very cold days, children may wear coats, hats or scarves or carry an umbrella to and from school, but such items are not part of the school uniform and are not to be worn or carried during school time. For safety reasons, scarves or umbrellas are not permitted to be worn or carried when outside at recess or lunch breaks.