



# St Anthony's School

## School Uniform Policy

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### **Vision Statement**

Growing in Faith   Building Knowledge   Working for Justice

## **Mission Statement**

St Anthony's Catholic School is a community of learners who through inquiring minds and reflective hearts celebrate and nurture a love of God, each other and creation to become the good news for the world.

In this mission we are guided by Catholic Social Teaching Principles.

## **PURPOSE OF THIS POLICY**

St Anthony's School exists for the education of children from within the Catholic Community, and, we accept children of all denominations and faiths. We trust that for parents requesting a position at St Anthony's School to know and understand that we are a welcoming community with a declared option for the disadvantaged and those in need.

This policy is designed to support and assist families in the education of their child, informing them of the procedures and process. This clear information outlines our schools uniform and the parent's commitment to supporting this policy. Enrolment is dependent upon the acceptance and support of the school's uniform.

## **SCOPE**

This policy addresses the total appearance of the student travelling to and from school and while at school. The wearing of the school uniform displays, belonging and pride within our community. All students are expected to comply fully with the uniform policy, both when at school and when representing the school off school grounds. Students will typically wear the full school uniform when attending formal functions.

We aim to develop a sense of pride and unity across the school and to support and maintain high standards within the school and the wider community.

## **EXPECTATIONS**

By enrolling a child at our school parents agree to support our policies and procedures. If a student is unable to wear the correct uniform for any reason, this must be communicated with the class teacher who will pass the information onto the leadership team.

In a situation where a student is continually breaching the school uniform policy, parents will be contacted.

On casual clothes days students must look clean and tidy and be dressed appropriately for school activities and play. Shorts and skirts must be a respectable length, not too short and shoulders must be covered. For safety reasons enclosed shoes are to be worn.

## **SENIOR STUDENTS JUMPER/JACKET**

A senior student's jumper/jacket is designed by the class each year and can be worn with both the formal and sports uniforms while at school. Students work with their peers and teachers on the design.

## **PURCHASING UNIFORMS**

Our uniform is supplied by JS Xpress Uniform Shop, located at Little Street Cumberland Park. At all times the school maintains a professional working relationship with this company. The Uniform Committee will consult broadly with school families prior to recommending changes to the School Board.

## **SECOND HAND UNIFORMS**

The Parents & Friends Committee coordinate a second hand uniform shop. This holds limited stock and is run by a volunteer parent. In the event that no parent is able to take on the role, this shop will be unable to operate.

Second hand uniforms can be donated to the school to be sold with proceeds going to the Parents & Friends Committee. A decision will be made by the school whether the donated items will be sold, given to a family in need or used for children needing to be changed at school. The Front Office staff is the initial contact point.

## **HATS**

School hats are part of our uniform and must be worn as per the SunSmart policy recommendations (mid-August to the end of April).

In the case where a child doesn't have a hat during play time they will be directed to play under cover.

## **HAIR STYLES**

- Hair must always be kept in a neat and tidy manner. Hair longer than the top of collar must be tied back.
- Unusual haircuts/styles are not permitted e.g. Rat tails, excessive shaving/markings cut into hair.
- Dying and bleaching of hair is discouraged for primary aged children due to health reasons.

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM COLOURS**

Our colours are predominantly blue, burgundy and yellow. To avoid variations in colours and styles the uniform items is to be purchased from JS Xpress and or our school second hand uniform shop.

## **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

- Plain, gold/silver or small birth stone stud earrings may be worn in the ears.
- Sleepers are not safe to wear at school.
- A necklace of either a small gold/silver chain with a single religious object may be worn. Other symbols are not permitted.
- Watches and medial alert bracelets may be worn.
- Costume jewellery e.g. Bracelet, bangles, rings are not part of the school uniform and are not permitted to be worn.
- Students are not to wear make-up.
- Undergarments should not be visible and t-shirts of any kind are not part of the uniform.

## FORMAL UNIFORM (YEARS 3 – 6)

FORMAL UNIFORM
Summer Dress OR summer navy shorts
Tartan pinafore or Tartan skirt OR Navy blue pants
Mid blue sleeved shirt (long and short sleeve)
Grey shorts
Long grey pants
Navy woollen jumper with school emblem
Navy or Brown roman school sandals (without socks) OR Black school shoes with short white ankle socks
School hat: Slouch or legionnaires style with the school emblem

## SPORTS UNIFORM

- **Reception – Year 2 students** wear sports uniform every day unless their parent prefers their child to wear the formal uniform on non-sport activity days.
- **Year 3 – 6 students** wear the sports uniform on the designated sport activity days (as advised)

SPORTS UNIFORM
Blue Polo shirt
Shorts or school track pants
Rugby top and/or sports jacket
Sports shoes - Predominately white (No fluorescent or bright colours)
Hat with emblem (slouch or legionnaires style)
Jacket (optional)

## RELATED DOUCUMENTS

- 1.1 Uniform Committee Information Booklet
- 1.2 Second and Uniform Shop Information letter and form

## CONCLUSION

In working with children, staff, families and JS Express Uniform shop we have provided a uniform that presents our students in a positive image whilst being functional. We are open to discussions to improve our uniform and are committed to providing a lengthy change over time if required, to support the financial needs of families. Recommended changes will be presented to the School Board for approval and action. By implementing a uniform code we aim to develop a sense of pride and unity in our children.