



Student Uniform and Presentation Policy

Mission Statement

To achieve our mission at St Therese's we aim:

- To nourish Christian values as a Catholic Community;
- To recognize and develop each person's sense of self worth;
- To foster a genuine concern for others in the wider community and in the world in which we live;
- To plan, organize and celebrate as a Eucharistic community;
- To have the "faith and Courage" to speak and act with responsible self discipline;
- To challenge and encourage our students to achieve their personal best in all endeavours;
- To provide a friendly, stimulating, happy and secure environment where each child, teacher and adult is valued;
- To welcome, respect and value people in all faiths and cultures;
- To recognize the wide range of skills and talents of our community and to allow these gifts to be "shared" with others;
- To provide a caring community where little things matter.

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1. RATIONALE

The St. Therese's Catholic School Board of Management, and the school community has resolved that children attending the school should be correctly attired in the approved school uniform, and conform to the implemented policy on jewellery and hair, unless exempted from doing so by the Principal and authorised staff on designated days and for exceptional reasons.

2. AIMS

The Board of Management and the school community believes that a clearly stated and sensibly implemented student uniform and presentation policy is important for the following reasons:

- To provide a focus and a sense of identity for students attending the school.
- To provide an opportunity for parents and staff to instil in the children a sense of pride in their appearance, and align with our Golden Rules of 'We Belong' and 'We Respect'.
- To provide opportunities for students to feel pride in their appearance and their school.
- To prevent excesses in fashion trends by allowing the wearing of unobtrusive jewellery and hairstyles that are either unusual or distracting.
- To make everyone in the school community take responsibility for the policy, including; parents, guardians, carers, staff and students themselves.

3. PROCEDURES

- The Principal and authorised staff are empowered by the Board of Management and the school community to implement the approved student uniform and presentation policy. In doing so, authorised staff may grant exception to a child from wearing all or part of the uniform for a designated period of time.
- An explanatory note from parents is required to be sent to the class teacher if a child is not wearing the correct school uniform.
- Dates of change for summer/winter uniform shall be determined by the Principal and shall recognise seasonal factors.
- If students are in public places while in school uniform, (eg shopping after school) the full, correct uniform must be worn.
- Sports shoes are not to be worn to and from school unless part of the Physical Education uniform.

- Students are only to have regulation school bags.
- The school uniform shop provides a service for parents by stocking all items of the approved school uniform, except for shoes and sports shoes, at minimum possible prices.

4. THE SCHOOL UNIFORM

SUMMER

Girls

- School Dress
- Navy Blue school jumper
- White socks - "fold down"
- Black shoes - Leather Shoes - no sneakers or boots
- School Bucket Hat

Boys

- Grey shorts
- White open necked shirt
- Navy school jumper
- Grey socks - "fold down"
- Black shoes - Leather Shoes - no sneakers or boots
- School Bucket Hat

WINTER

Girls

- Navy Blue School Tunic
- Navy school jumper
- White Blouse
- School Tie
- White Socks - "fold down" (optional)
- Black Shoes - Leather Shoes - no sneakers or boots
- Navy stockings (optional)
- Trousers (optional)
- STS Beanie (Navy) (optional)
- Gloves (Navy) (optional)
- Scarf (Navy) (optional)
- Navy Jacket (optional)

Boys

- Grey trousers
- White long sleeved shirt
- School Tie
- Navy school jumper
- Grey socks - "fold down"
- Black shoes - Leather Shoes - no sneakers or boots
- Navy Jacket (optional)
- STS Beanie (Navy) (optional)
- Gloves (Navy) (optional)

- Scarf (Navy) (optional)
- Navy Jacket (optional)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM

Girls and Boys

- School trackpants
- School Polo Top
- School Rugby top
- Navy Blue Shorts
- White sport socks
- Sport shoes (preferably white and/or blue)
- School Bucket Hat

General Items

- St. Therese's School Bag
- School Spray Jacket or Soft Shell Jacket
- STS Beanie (Navy)
- Gloves (Navy)
- Scarf (Navy)

5. JEWELLERY GUIDELINES

Acceptable forms of jewellery may include one or more of the following:

- A single set of earrings; these being plain studs or sleepers worn in the lower ear lobes.
- A watch.
- A Christian symbol worn around the neck e.g. a cross or medal.
- No necklaces or bracelets
- Approved "PBS" Wrist Bands

6. HAIR GUIDELINES

- Hair is to be clean, neat and tidy at all times.
- Hair of shoulder length or longer is to be worn tied back as a health and safety measure. This applies to both girls and boys.
- Ribbons, clips, bands and 'scrunchies' are to be of school colours of red, navy or gold.
- Unusual colouring or unusual hairstyles are unacceptable.
- Excessive use of hair 'gel' or other styling products is should be avoided when used to style or fashion the hair so that it "stands-out" amongst other students.
- Hair should not be shaved lower than what is commonly referred to as a "number 2".

- The following miscellaneous items should not be worn: nail polish, makeup, eye shadow, eye-liner, foundation, anklets and friendship bands.

7. EVALUATION

The **Student Uniform and Presentation Policy** may be reviewed at any time at the request of the Staff or Board of Management. As part of any such review, members of these groups shall be invited to make submissions to the Uniform Committee for decision.

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