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College uniform

Rationale

Self-esteem and pride in the college are indicated when a student wears her uniform well. Good grooming reflects well on the student and increases a student's employment prospects.

Purpose:

The purpose of our uniform is to ensure that all students feel a sense of belonging and pride within their school community. The wearing of school uniform by students will:

- Define an identity for the school
- Develop students' sense of belonging within the St Joseph's community
- Provide an opportunity to build school spirit
- Enhance the health and safety of students when involved in school activities
- Promote a sense of inclusiveness, non-discrimination and equal opportunity
- Reinforce the perception of the school as an ordered and safe environment
- Increase the personal safety of students and staff by allowing easier recognition of visitors and potential intruders in the school
- Promote positive community perception
- Make school clothing more affordable for the families by eliminating the risk of peer pressure to wear fashionable and expensive clothes

The uniform of St Joseph's is as follows:

Year 7 to 10 uniform

- Check skirt (to the knee)
- Pants are optional in Terms 2 and 3 - (see Cowan & Lewis website)
- Shorts are optional in Terms 1 and 4 - (see Cowan & Lewis website)
- Blue blouse with check piping on the sleeve and collar (sleeves always rolled down and all buttons done up)
- White ankle socks – (see Cowan & Lewis website)
- 70 denier black stockings/tights are compulsory in Terms 2 and 3
- College jumper, cardigan, vest or blazer
- College blazer is to be worn to and from school every day in Terms 2 and 3
- Plain black scarf may be worn in winter
- Plain black gloves may be worn in winter, fingerless gloves are not permitted
- College back pack is a compulsory part of the uniform



Years 7 to 10 sports uniform

- **Top:** A cerise school sports shirt; college jersey, tracksuit jacket or school jumper in winter
- **Bottom:** School sports shorts
- **Socks:** White ankle socks – (see Cowan & Lewis website)
- **Tracksuit:** School tracksuit pants are optional; other tracksuit pants are not acceptable
- **Ribbon:** Pink or royal blue



Years 11 and 12 uniform

- The senior uniform and presentation requirements are the same as for Years 7 - 10 except for the blouse. Year 11 and 12 students wear a white tailored blouse with piping on sleeves. Year 12 students may wear the college jacket, however, may be required to wear the blazer for formal occasions. Students are to use the college back pack or senior satchel bag.



Shoes

It is a requirement of the college that students wear regulation footwear. The requirements listed here are to be followed:

School

- Lace-up leather shoes
- Must be able to be polished and provide good arch
- Must have a well-defined heel



support

Sport

- Jogger lace up style shoe only
- No canvas shoes
- Must have arch support and be suitable for vigorous activity



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Hair, makeup and jewellery

- Hair must be clean and tidy as decided by the college. If hair touches the collar it must be securely tied back at all times with a ribbon, scrunchie, hairclip or hair tie in white, navy, teal or black.
- Hair should be of a natural colour. Dreadlocks, extensions (including eyelash), steps, half-shaved or full-shaved hairstyles are not permitted. The Principal's approval is required prior to any deviation from this expectation.
- Make-up, nail polish, acrylic and gel nails are not permitted. Nails are trimmed and clean.
- The following jewellery items may be worn: a watch, one small ring, two pairs of plain studs or sleepers (gold or silver) in the lower lobe.
- A cross or religious medallion on a chain may be worn.

A high standard of uniform and presentation is expected at all times and all places. Students must wear full uniform to and from school and adhere to grooming expectations. At no time or venue is wearing part of the uniform acceptable.

If a student is required to temporarily wear a non-regulation item of uniform, she must have a note in her planner signed and dated by her parent/carer and her Leader of Year.