St. Mary’s School Alexandra

School Uniform Policy

Rationale
At St. Mary’s we believe that wearing our school uniform with pride will:-
- Provide an economical and neat mode of dress for all students
- Promote the identity of our school
- Develop a sense of belonging and connectedness in our students
- Reduce the opportunity for discrimination and competition in an ever-changing world of fashion

It is therefore expected that parents will ensure, to the best of their ability, that their children attend school wearing the correct uniform. If, for some reason, particular items are not available on a given day, a note should be sent with the child, to the classroom teacher, in order to eliminate any misunderstanding.

It is the responsibility of the staff to ensure that the uniform regulations are enforced. However, compassion and discretion should be exercised where appropriate.

Guidelines
- School logos should be displayed on all windcheaters, vests, and polo tops.
- Jewellery is not allowed with the exception of stud earrings, sleepers and watches. This includes body piercing.
- Tattoos, whether permanent or temporary, are not allowed
- With the exception of clear nail varnish, make-up and nail polish are also not allowed.
- Sunscreen is encouraged
- Hair below collar length should be tied back, and hair ties should be chosen with safety in mind, i.e., they should not be able to be caught on tree branches, in other children’s hair etc. School colours of navy, blue, red or white are preferred.
- Hair should not be dyed, and it should be styled so that school hats can be worn correctly.
- School approved sun hats must be worn in Terms 1 and 4 for outside activities.
- Black shoes or boots are worn by both boys and girls except on Sports Days. The shoes / boots must be completely black. Thought should be given to the activities children engage in when selecting footwear, so that it is safe and practical while, at the same time, also meeting the school’s guidelines.
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Uniform

Summer
Girls
Navy skorts
Light blue polo tops / cotton shirts
White socks

Boys
Grey shorts
Light blue polo tops / cotton shirts
Grey or white socks
Black shoes / boots
Navy windcheater / polar fleece

Winter
Girls
Navy pants
Light blue skivvy / polo top / shirt
White socks

Boys
Grey slacks
Light blue skivvy / polo top / shirt
Grey socks
Navy tracksuit pants
Navy windcheater / polar fleece
Black shoes / boots

Sports

Navy shorts
Navy & white sports top
Navy tracksuit
White socks
Runners

Uniform may be purchased at Millers’ Mensland, and other retail outlets; or some items are available through the school. Purchases made at Millers will already have the school logo attached. Logos are available for purchase from the school office for items bought elsewhere.

Evaluation
This policy was reviewed by the School Advisory Board after consultation with the school community in 2012. Changes to the policy are to be phased in and complete by the beginning of the 2015 school year.