



St Patrick's Catholic School Latrobe

School Uniform Policy

– See also 'Jewellery and Hair Policy'

RATIONALE

The St Patrick's Catholic School Board has resolved that children attending the school should wear an approved school uniform, unless exempted from doing so by the Principal on designated days and for exceptional reasons.

AIMS

The School Board believes that a clearly stated and sensibly implemented uniform policy is important for the following reasons:

- To provide a focus and a sense of identity and belonging 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, which is an important Christian ethic.
- To prevent excesses in fashion trends and to eliminate competition among students,
- To provide an economic means of clothing children for school.

PROCEDURES

- The principal is empowered by the School Board to implement the approved uniform policy and, in doing so, may grant an exception to a child from wearing all or part of the uniform for a designated period of time.
- An explanatory note or timely communication from parents is required to be communicated to the classroom teacher or the principal if a child is not wearing the correct full school uniform; this note is to be carried by the child.
- Parents of students who are not in full school uniform without reasonable cause will be sent a note that there is an expectation that full school uniform is expected to be worn within a reasonable time (preferably up to one week, however, usually not extending beyond two weeks).

- Dates of change for summer/winter uniform shall be determined by the principal and shall recognise seasonal factors and be communicated to the school community through the newsletter.
- As part of their sun protection plan, parents may exercise the option for their children to wear long sleeved shirts, long trousers or long sleeved dresses as part of the summer uniform.
- As part of our Sun Smart Policy, hats are to be worn from the beginning of September to the end of April.
- If students are in public places while in school uniform, (eg shopping after school) the full, correct uniform must be worn.
- Girls dress length should be knee length or within five centimetres of the knee.
- Ribbons, clips, bands and 'scrunchies' are to be discreet in nature.
- See 'Jewellery and Hair Policy' for information about these matters.
- Sports shoes are only to be worn as part of the Physical Education uniform.
- On days other than Health and Physical Education, students in Prep to year 2 may have the option to wear the full academic uniform or sport uniform.

The Midford 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.

Midford Uniform Shop
 13 Thomas St, East Devonport 7310
<https://www.midford.com.au/school-shops-online>

GIRLS - WINTER

- Winter skirt of modest length.
- Winter pinafore of modest length.
- White long sleeve blouse.
- Navy blue school jumper.
- Navy soft-shell jacket.
- Navy blue tights or ankle-length socks.
- School beanie.
- School ties can be worn, but are not compulsory.
- Low-heeled black school shoes (no other visible colours) with arch support.

GIRLS - SUMMER

- Green check cotton dress of modest length.
- Bottle green shorts
- White short sleeve blouse.
- Navy blue school jumper.
- Navy soft-shell jacket.
- Light-weight ankle-length navy blue socks – no logos.
- Green school hat.
- Low-heeled black school shoes (no other visible colour) with arch support.

BOYS - WINTER

- Green long sleeve school shirt.
- Navy blue school jumper.
- Navy soft-shell jacket.
- Long grey trousers or grey shorts of modest length.
- Ankle-length navy blue socks.
- Black school shoes (no other visible colour) with arch support.
- School ties can be worn, but are not compulsory.

BOYS - SUMMER

- Green school shirt of modest length – short or long-sleeves.
- Grey school shorts or trousers.
- Navy blue school jumper.
- Navy soft-shell jacket.
- Ankle-length light-weight navy blue socks – without logos.
- Green school hat.
- Black school shoes (no other colour) with arch support.

SPORTS UNIFORM (To be worn on sports days only, **Year 3-6. Prep to Year 2** have the option to wear the sports uniform every day.)

- Green short sleeve polo shirt with school logo.
- Green long sleeve polo shirt with school logo.
- Navy blue track pants.
- Navy blue skort (girls).
- Navy blue shorts of modest length.
- School rugby top.
- Navy soft-shell jacket.
- Light-weight ankle-length navy blue socks – no logos.
- Sports shoes with arch support.

House names and colours are: Martyn - Green Byrne- Blue Dooley - Red

This policy will be reviewed as part of St Patrick's Catholic School's policy review cycle.

Ratified by the school board: December 2023.