



St James Primary

Student Presentation Policy

Rationale:

A uniform dress code reinforces for students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Student Presentation Policy and school uniform.

Aims:

- To promote equality amongst all students.
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school.
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective and practical for our school environment.
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

School Uniform Requirements and Principles:

- Uniform items enable students to safely engage in the full variety of school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The uniform is to be worn during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- The uniform is year-round and is required to be worn by all students (outlined below).
- The Principal and school staff are responsible for implementation of the Student Presentation Policy in a manner consistent with the school rules and norms.
- Parents seeking exemptions to the Student Presentation Policy due to student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the Principal. Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms for families experiencing economic hardship.
- The student uniform requirements, including details of uniform items will be published in the Parent Handbook each year.
- The school uniform can be purchased through the school uniform shop (other items from other suppliers are not permitted, e.g.: Kmart)
- Parents/care-givers are expected to support the children to wear the uniform with pride and appropriate grooming.
- If a student is to wear a non-standard uniform item, a note from parents/care-givers must be provided, which has a limit of 7 days for non-compliance.

Student Grooming Expectations:

- 1 Stud earring and sleeper may be worn in the ears (1 each lobe).
- A watch (excluding Smart Phone Watches and the like) and/or a religious medal or a crucifix on a chain is the only acceptable jewellery.
- Extreme hair colours (e.g.: green, pink or purple rinses etcetera) and/or extreme hairstyles (e.g.: mohawks) are not permitted.
- Boys must have brushed or combed hair that is collar length, above the eyebrows and not covering the ears.
- Girls with long hair must have this tied back/up, with school colour hair ties (maroon, green and/or white)
- No nail polish is allowed.
- The only hat that is acceptable is the school hat that is consistent with the school's Sunsmart policy. They must be worn outside during all school Terms and events.

Year-Round Uniform Items:

Girls:

- Maroon shorts (with St James embroidery).
- Maroon skorts (with St James embroidery), worn with or without maroon or bottle green tights.
- St James polo shirt.
- St James jumper.
- St James jacket.
- White socks with maroon bands, only available from the uniform shop.
- Maroon track pants (with St James embroidery).

Boys:

- Maroon shorts (with St James embroidery).
- St James polo shirt.
- St James jumper.
- St James jacket.
- White socks with maroon bands, only available from the uniform shop.
- Maroon track pants (with St James embroidery).

Hat:

- St James hat, with reversible colour for student house teams.

Shoes:

- Full black joggers that are polishable [e.g.: leather]; (no markings or colours on the shoes are permitted and canvas shoes and the like are not permitted).

Bags:

- St James back pack.
- St James Library/Book bag.

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