

# HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY



*A school uniform teaches students to dress smartly and take pride in their appearance*

### RATIONALE

The Holy Rosary Catholic School Board of Management 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 Board of Management 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 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.
- To prevent excesses in fashion trends and to eliminate competition among students, often based on parent ability to provide suitable clothes.
- To provide an economic means of clothing children for school.

### PROCEDURES

- The Principal is empowered by the Board of Management to implement the approved uniform policy and, in doing so, 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 Principal if a child is not wearing the correct school uniform.
- 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. See the 'Jewellery and Hair Policy' for information about these matters.
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- If students are in public places while in school uniform, (eg. shopping after school), the full, correct uniform must be worn.
- 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.
- All members of the school staff are conscious of their role in implementing this policy by setting an example in their own neatness and appropriateness of dress by ensuring that students are neatly attired when participating in any school activity.

## THE SCHOOL UNIFORM

### Girls

- Tartan Skirt or Skort
- Light Blue Shirt
- Maroon jumper or vest
- White socks or Navy Stockings
- Black shoes
- School sunhat
- Maroon schoolbag

### Boys

- Grey Trousers or Grey Shorts
- Light Blue Shirt
- Maroon jumper or vest
- Grey socks
- Black shoes
- School sunhat
- Maroon schoolbag

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM

### Girls and Boys

- School track pants or shorts
- School polo shirt
- School Rugby jumper
- School Polar fleece (optional)
- White sports socks
- Sports shoes (preferably white and/or plain)
- School sunhat

## EVALUATION

The school uniform 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.

## EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

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