



UNIFORM POLICY

Rationale

St. Patrick's School uniform is an integral part of the school's Vision Statement. The uniform is a visible sign that the students belong to St. Patrick's Primary School.

Scriptural Context

"Help carry one another's burdens and in this way you will obey the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2

"And now I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

John 13:34

Aims

It is the policy of this school that:

- All children are required to wear a school uniform. The uniform should be serviceable, practical and affordable.
- in extreme circumstances, uniform regulations may be amended by the Uniform Committee in consultation with the School Board.

Guidelines

It is our intention that the wearing of school uniform will:

- Provide as economical and neat mode of dress for the children of our school.
- Promote the identity of the school.
- Add to the atmosphere, prestige, tone and spirit of the school.
- Help develop in the children a sense of ownership and belonging with regard to the school.
- Reduce unfair competition and discrimination arising from the pressures of the ever-changing world of fashion.
- Assist with home routines and avoid unnecessary concerns of what to wear to school.

It is therefore the responsibility of the parent to ensure, to the best of their ability, that their children come to 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, in order to eliminate any misunderstanding.

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

The task of recommending what the uniform is to be and any changes that need to be made is the responsibility of the Principal and Assistant Principal in consultation with the Parents and Friends Uniform Coordinators, with final ratification being the responsibility of the School Board.

All new families will receive a copy of the Parent Information Booklet when their child is enrolled in the school. Parents have access to the policy through the school's corporate website.

Implementation

St Patrick's School Board has agreed that the following is the official School Uniform of St. Patrick's School, Macksville. Any major changes to the uniform will have a three year transition before it becomes mandatory.

The Grey Uniform is worn three days a week and the Sport Uniform is worn two days a week. Alterations to this arrangement are at the discretion of the Principal.

General Appearance: The school uniform is the public face of the school. It is expected that the children will take pride in their general appearance and wear the appropriate uniform (grey uniform or sport uniform) in full in a respectable manner.

Girls' grey check dresses are to be of knee length.

Hairstyles: The children's hair is to be worn in a neat and tidy style. Children with hair longer than shoulder length are to wear it tied back or "up" in a ponytail, plait or some other suitable style using maroon hair ties only.

Jewellery: Jewellery, nail polish and make-up are not considered part of the St Patrick's dress code and generally are not to be worn with the school uniform. Children are asked not to wear, jewellery, except for studs/sleepers in their ear only, watch, signet ring, solid birth bangle. Scrunchies or ribbons must be maroon.

Naming Clothing: Parents are requested to ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

The uniform is:-

GIRLS

Grey Uniform

Summer Grey check dress, maroon ribbon trim (30cm doubled) white socks.

Winter **Option A)** Grey check dress, maroon woollen jumper with school logo, grey stockings or white socks.
Option B) White shirt with school logo (Order through school), maroon pants (Order from Binalong, Macksville), white socks. Worn only in Terms 2 & 3.

Shoes Black leather lace up, velcro or buckles, plain uppers capable of being polished with closed toe and heel. (*See Appendix B for more information*)

Sport Uniform

Summer Maroon school shirt with a white and grey diagonal stripe with school logo, maroon shorts with school logo and plain white socks.

Winter Maroon tracksuit with a white and grey diagonal stripe, maroon school shirt with a white and grey diagonal stripe with school logo, maroon shorts with school logo and plain white socks.

Shoes Plain white joggers with minimal colour and white shoe laces.

BOYS

Grey Uniform

Summer Grey check shirt, grey Rigger or Stubbie shorts and grey socks.

- Winter** Grey check shirt - grey Rugger or Stubbie shorts or grey Rugger or Stubbie trousers, maroon woollen school jumper with school logo and grey socks.
- Shoes** Black leather lace up, velcro, plain uppers capable of being polished with closed toe and heel or black leather riding boots. (*See Appendix B for more information*)

Sport Uniform

- Summer** Maroon school shirt with a white and grey diagonal stripe with school logo, maroon shorts (same as girls) and plain white socks.
- Winter** Maroon tracksuit with a white and grey diagonal stripe with logo, maroon school shirt with a white and grey diagonal stripe with school logo, maroon shorts with school logo and plain white socks.
- Shoes** Plain white joggers with minimal colour and white shoe laces.

BOYS/GIRLS

- School Hat** Maroon school hat with school logo on front. It is compulsory for children to wear the hat at all times whilst outdoors in the sun.

The Parents and Friends run a clothing pool where parents can purchase second hand uniforms.

Where to Purchase the Uniform

The Parents and Friends have new uniforms for sale in the Uniform Room. Pre-orders will need to be placed for items marked with an asterix. Items for sale include:

- boy's/girl's maroon school sports shirt with a white and grey diagonal stripe with school logo
- boy's/girls sports shorts
- girl's grey check dress
- girl's white shirt with school logo
- boy's check shirt
- boy's/girl's maroon school jumper with the school logo
- boy's/girl's maroon tracksuit with grey and white diagonal stripe with school logo
- maroon school bag with school logo
- maroon library bag
- maroon hat with logo
- maroon scarf with school logo
- school-approved sunglasses

The following items cannot be purchased from the school.

- girl's grey stockings
- grey Rugger or Stubbie shorts
- grey Rugger or Stubbie trousers
- plain white or grey socks

The following items can be purchased through Binalong, Macksville.

- Girl's maroon winter pants

Mufti-Day Clothes

On occasions, such as fundraising days, children are able to wear casual clothing. The school stipulates that shirts must have sleeves (In accordance with the Sun Smart Policy) and footwear must be covered (no thongs). Parents will be notified of mufti-days in the newsletter.

ALL CLOTHING MUST BE LABELLED WITH CHILD'S NAME.

Consequences

1. If your child is unable to wear correct school uniform on any one day, an accompanying letter needs to be sent to the class teacher.
2. Repeated failure to adhere to St. Patrick's Uniform Policy will result in a letter being sent to parents outlining guidelines of the compulsory uniform.
3. Failure to respond to the 3rd letter sent home will result in an interview with the Principal.
4. If for some reason parents are unable to send their children to school on a regular basis in correct uniform, they must make an appointment to discuss the matter with the Principal.

Hairstyles

Children's long hair should be tied back at all times. All clips, ribbons, headbands and scrunchies must be maroon. Hair should be kept neat, tidy and appropriately cut. Extremes in style, cut or colour are unacceptable.

Unacceptable Appearance

1. Hair that is coloured unnaturally
2. Nail Polish
3. Body piercing other than ears
4. Tattoos
5. Extra short ankle socks
6. Visible boxer shorts or bike pants
7. Defacing any part of the school uniform e.g.: writing on the school hat

Reflective Materials

- St Patrick's Vision Statement.
- St Patrick's Pastoral Care and Student Management Policy.
- St Patrick's Sunsmart Policy.

****Policy note- The new sports uniform (as listed above) is currently in a three year transition period from 2010 to 2012. In 2013, the listed sports uniform will become compulsory. All sports uniforms purchased from 2010 will comply with the new regulations.***

This policy was last ratified by St. Patrick's School Board in... revised in...	September 2010 November 2011 December 2015
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Out of Uniform Note No.1

Dear

I have noticed that _____ is not wearing the correct school uniform. His/her clothing does not conform to our school uniform policy.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Class teacher

Out of Uniform Note No.2

Dear

I note that _____ is still not wearing the correct uniform to school. You can appreciate that we try to maintain the correct uniform so as to enhance image and self-esteem in each child and the school.

I would be grateful if you could ensure that _____ wears the correct uniform in the future. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Class teacher

Out of Uniform Note No.3

Dear

It is disappointing to note, despite the two previous letters that _____ is still not wearing the correct uniform.

Unfortunately if this continues you will be obliged to attend a meeting with myself to determine the outcome of your child's attendance at this school.

Yours faithfully,

Principal

Additional School Shoe Information

The following information may assist parents in choosing appropriate school shoes for children.

The four shoe outlets (Macksville and Coffs Harbour) give parents an indication of styles and prices for hybrid shoes. Parents may buy hybrid or traditional shoes from outlets other than those stated. Traditional all leather black shoes may be purchased from any shoe seller.

This policy states that all grey uniform day shoes are to be black leather upper shoes which are capable of being polished. Hybrid black jogger shoes are acceptable. Children are encouraged to be active during recess and lunch breaks. Hybrid school shoes allow for children to run and play in a supportive shoe. (*As shown below*)



Boys' Hybrid School Shoe



Girls' Hybrid School Shoe

PLEASE NOTE:

- Skate or ballerina shoes are not permitted.
- High top lace boots (such as Doc Martins) are also not permitted.