



# St Bernadette's School

August 2019

## Uniform

Ratified: \_\_\_\_\_

Board Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Review Date: August 2022

## **PURPOSE**

A uniform dress code reinforces in 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 also contribute to the formation of our uniform policy.

During 2019, students transitioned to a Smart Play unisex uniform in order to:

- Reduce the number of uniform items.
- Lower the overall cost of uniforms for families.
- Promote equity for all students.
- Encourage movement and engagement in all school activities.
- Promote pride in personal appearance and in our school.

## **GENERAL PRINCIPLES**

- All students are expected to wear the correct uniform while at school.
- Hair longer than collar length (for girls and boys) should be tied with hair ties in school colours. Hair colouring and extreme styles are not permitted.
- Jewellery including watch, sleeper/stud earrings and small religious symbols on chains are permitted provided children's safety is assured.
- All uniform items should be clearly marked with the child's name.
- Parents of students not wearing the correct uniform will be contacted.

## **UNIFORM**

The uniform is designed so that students choose which items are worn at any given time (i.e no specific items for winter/summer/girls/boys). All items, other than socks and sports shoes, must be purchased from the school office. Each item has the St Bernadette's logo or embroidered name and no generic alternatives are acceptable.

Short sleeve polo shirt

Long sleeve polo shirt

Sport shorts (with St Bernadette's embroidery)

Track pants (with St Bernadette's embroidery)

Zip up jacket

Hat

Communication bag

School Bag

Sports shoes: of good quality and predominantly of one colour: WHITE, BLACK, NAVY or GREY. No other colours or fluorescent shades are acceptable.

White socks: ONLY quarter crew (above ankle style) with no visible branding

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

When accepting the offer of enrolment, parents/carers and students agree to comply with the school's code of dress.

We aim for 100% compliance and school staff will continually monitor uniform standards. The School Board has directed the following action to be taken, should standards not be maintained.

1. If a child comes to school without complying with the Uniform Policy but brings an explanatory note, no further action will be taken. (If a pattern of non-compliance becomes apparent, parents/carers will be contacted by the school principal or delegate).

2. If a child comes to school without complying with the Uniform Policy and without an accompanying explanatory note, the following action/s will be taken:

- Communication will be sent home to the parents/carers from the teacher requesting that the non-compliance be addressed.
- Further non-compliance will necessitate contact from the principal or delegate to ensure the non-compliance is addressed.
- If compliance is still not achieved parents/carers will be requested to meet with the Principal to seek explanation for the non-compliance with the uniform code. The resolution will always include compliance with the Uniform Policy, with support from the school as required.

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