

St Joseph's Primary School, Mernda

Uniform Policy

Purpose

The St Joseph's Primary School uniform is an important part of our identity, reflecting our values, school pride, and commitment to being a safe and respectful learning community. This policy outlines the expectations for school uniform in line with **MACS guidelines** and **Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)**, ensuring consistency, equity, and focus on learning.

Uniform Expectations

General Requirements

All students are expected to wear the correct school uniform every day. The uniform must be clean, in good condition, and worn with pride. Staff will monitor uniform compliance, and families will be notified of any breaches.

- Students are to wear **full school uniform** on designated days and the **sports uniform** only on **PE Specialist** or **assigned sport days** as advised by the class teacher or school newsletter.
- **Summer uniform** is to be worn in **Terms 1 and 4**, and **Winter uniform** is to be worn in **Terms 2 and 3**.
- Please refer to **St Joseph's Uniform Guidelines**, which outline full uniform details and are available in the **Parent Handbook** and from our **official supplier, Lowes**, located at **Plenty Valley Westfield**.

Footwear

- Black shoes are required as part of the school uniform.
- **Fully black runners** are acceptable.
- No coloured soles, logos, or embellishments.

Socks

- Students must wear **school uniform socks** (white or grey depending on the uniform season).
- **Branded or coloured socks** are not permitted.

Hair and Accessories

- Hair should be neat and tidy. Long hair must be tied up. No large bows or accessories. Simple ribbons only.
- **Hair ties and accessories** must be in school colours (purple and green).
- **Make-up, nail polish, and fake nails** are not to be worn at school.

Jewellery and Smart Devices

- For safety reasons, jewellery is limited to:
 - A **watch, smart watches are to be handed in each morning. They are not permitted to be with students during school hours.**
 - **Plain stud or sleeper earrings.**
 - **Medical alert items.**
- **Smart watches are not permitted to be worn during school hours.**
 - Students must **hand them in at the office** upon arrival and **collect them at the end of the school day.**

- This aligns with the school's broader policy on the responsible use of digital devices.

Hats and Sun Safety

- As part of our **SunSmart policy**, all students must wear a **school-approved hat** when outdoors during **Terms 1 and 4**.
- Students without a hat during these terms are required to sit in designated **shaded areas near the green** during outdoor activities.

Outerwear in Winter

- School-logoed winter jackets are preferred.
- **Plain jackets, scarves, beanies, and gloves** (without logos or bright colours) may be worn **to and from school and outside during breaks**.
- These items must be **removed indoors**, including classrooms and learning spaces.

Breaches of Uniform Policy

Students who do not adhere to the uniform policy will be:

1. **Reminded** of the expectations and asked to remove non-compliant items where possible.
 2. **Issued with an "Inappropriate Uniform Notification"** to be sent home via dojo. This form must be acknowledged by a parent/guardian and returned to school the next day.
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Parental Support

We ask families to support our policy by:

- Ensuring your child is wearing the correct uniform each day.
- Checking uniforms and accessories regularly to ensure compliance.
- Discussing the importance of following school expectations as part of our respectful and inclusive learning culture.

We understand there may occasionally be genuine reasons a student is unable to wear the correct uniform. In such cases, we ask parents to provide a **written note or email** to the classroom teacher or office.

Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually and communicated through the school website and newsletters.

Thank You

We thank you for your continued support in maintaining high expectations and ensuring that uniform matters do not disrupt valuable learning time.

For any clarification or support regarding the school uniform policy, please contact the school office.