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PURPOSE:
A school uniform identifies children with a school, promotes student allegiance and it also acts as a means towards providing equality amongst children, regardless of socio-economic background. The wearing of a uniform unites the school publicly, as well as being practical.

SCOPE
- To encourage pride and spirit in ‘our’ school.
- To encourage pride in appearance.
- To provide security for children travelling to and from school
- To promote equity for all students.

IMPLEMENTATION:
St Mary’s Primary School community determines the standards of dress
A request for a change to the existing uniform should be directed to the Principal.
Consultation of staff, students and parents is required using research, surveys and analysing feedback.
Should the school wish to change the uniform parents, and as far as practicable, the retailers concerned must be notified. Therefore, the school should announce its decision early in the year proceeding the year in which the change is to be introduced.
Once uniform changes are endorsed by the school community, the Principal needs to identify and be responsive to economic, personal and social factors.
School uniform should be chosen wisely with easy care fabrics selected.

Staff
- Staff are required to wear neat and tidy clothes.
- Clothing should be appropriate for work.
- Safety clothing should be worn when required.
- Staff are to ensure the use of sun protection, hat
- Staff must be professional in dress.
- No political messages or obscenities to be displayed. No logos on any clothing that might be seen as rude, racist, sexist, controversial or provocative (including alcohol or cigarette advertising).
- Appropriate sporting footwear - Shoes are to be enclosed.
- No torn clothing.
- No visible tattoos.
- Piercings need to be modest.
- If a staff member reports to the school inappropriately attired then they will be referred to this policy.
- Staff must adhere to any expectations or requests specified by the school in relation to personal presentation.

Student
Students are expected to wear their uniform with pride both in and out of the school.
- No student can be prevented from attending school, or placed in a position of embarrassment because he or she is not wearing a school uniform.
- Students are required to wear full school uniform, including hat and shoes, at all times. If on occasions this is not possible, a note of explanation from parents is expected.
- Safety clothing should be provided and worn when required eg painting.
- It is essential that all items of clothing and lunch containers are clearly marked with the student’s name.
  - For safety reasons and to guard against breakage or loss, the wearing of jewellery is to be kept to a minimum. Acceptable jewellery includes a wrist watch, a single pair of plain ear studs or sleepers. Nail polish is not recommended.
  - Extreme hair styles are discouraged, long hair is best tied back or plaited for health and safety.
Uniforms
The purpose of wearing a uniform is to unite us as a school publicly, as well as being practical. Students are required to wear full school uniform, including hat and shoes, at all times. If on occasions this is not possible, a note of explanation from parents is expected. It is essential that all items of clothing and lunch containers are clearly marked with the student's name.
Jewellery is not part of the school uniform and for safety reasons and to guard against breakage or loss, the wearing of anything other than a wrist watch, a signet ring and a single pair of plain ear studs or sleepers is not permitted. Long hair should be tied back or plaited. Extremes of hair styles are not permitted. Dyed hair and tattoos are not allowed.

Uniforms may be purchased from the Uniform Shop at Gate 4, 179 North Street, Grafton
HOURS OF TRADING
- Monday: 10:00am – 2:00pm
- Thursday: 3:30pm – 7:00pm
- Saturday: 9:00am – 1:00pm

BOYS
- # Khaki shorts
- # Blue shirt with school crest
- # Navy school socks with red stripes
  - Black school shoes (polishable)
  - Brown sandals may be worn in summer only
  - Navy school jumper or plain navy jumper with school crest

GIRLS
- # Blue frock with white collar and tab
- # White school socks
  - Black school shoes (polishable)
  - Brown sandals may be worn in summer only

SPORT
- # Royal blue with red stripe shorts
- # School sport shirt with collar and school crest
- # White school socks
- Joggers

Cold Weather
- Girls - navy stockings (tights)
  - # Navy cardigan, jumper or plain navy jumper with school crest

In all cases it is advisable that girls bring to school a pair of white school socks in case the weather turns warm and they wish to change from the navy stockings.
Optional Zip Jacket- a navy zip jacket with red piping and school crest is available from the Uniform Shop.
It is non-compulsory.
- Neat, navy tracksuit pants.

School Bags
- Optional navy school bag with school crest is available from the P & F at the School Office. Library and swimming bags may be purchased from the School Office.

Children wearing out of uniform attire are required to have a note of explanation.
St Mary's is a SunSmart school. Slip, Slop, Slap is strongly encouraged at all times and therefore we enforce the policy of No Hat, No Play.

The P & F provide a clothing pool for purchasing second-hand clothing.

Uniform items indicated with # may be purchased from the Uniform Shop, Gate 4, 179 North Street, Grafton (66432989).