



SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

RESPECT

COURAGE

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COMMUNITY

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St Therese School is a Catholic Primary School serving the educational needs of boys and girls from Reception to Year 6.

The School's mission is to educate and develop the whole child for life in the Church and the World of today and tomorrow. Our values of Respect, Courage, Grace and Community guide the decisions and actions of all members of the community.

At St Therese School Colonel Light Gardens, we create and uphold a nurturing environment for our children, families, teachers, volunteers, and the wider parish. In 2014, we embarked on a collaborative partnership with Perm-a-pleat, St Vincent de Paul and the Emmaus cluster schools to provide our families with a quality and affordable uniform that also encompasses our commitment to social justice. The profits from our partnership assists in the promotion of social justice initiatives in our local community and the broader church.

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to articulate the policy position of the St Therese School regarding the well-being of students in relation to wearing school uniform in schooling that focuses on learning about self, others and the environment.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all families and students here at St Therese School. It extends to all teaching staff, TRTs and the Education Support Officers.

3. Priorities

The following priorities underpin this policy.

All children:

- Are made in the image and likeness of God and therefore have inherent dignity and value.
- A school uniform provides an identity with the school, a link with the Gospel stories and a way of promoting the pride, sense of belonging, and dignity of each student. It symbolises equality and unity.
- The school uniform should be of a consistent quality and uniformity. It should represent value for money. It should be available for purchase in a timely manner. It supports parents in directing students regarding the choice of dress option on school days.

4. Practices

Uniform Availability

All uniform requirements may be purchased from St Vincent de Paul, 21 Abbotshall Road Hawthorn.

Uniform Committee

The St Therese uniform committee reviews policy periodically and monitors all aspects of uniform policy, including source, quality and supply of garments. It also monitors parental feedback and liaises with the school board.

The School Board reserves the right to change the uniform after appropriate consultation with the uniform committee and school community, and implements practical steps to ensure implementation.

Wearing of Uniform Requirements

It is a requirement that every student wear the correct and full uniform at all times. The summer uniform is worn during terms 1 and 4, and the winter uniform is worn during terms 2 and 3. The sport uniform is worn only on those days that are designated as 'sports days' and advertised as such at the beginning of each school year or as directed by the class teacher for special events.





Grooming

- Students with hair longer than shoulder length need to have it tied back. Hair ribbons and headbands are to be plain blue or covered in the school dress fabric. Hair colour is to be a student's natural hair colour.
- Cosmetics are not permitted.
- The only jewellery permitted is stud or sleeper earrings, thin chain necklets – either plain or with small crosses or medals. Wristwatches are permitted.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

The school leaders will provide responsible financial management regarding uniform in order to ensure it is accessible and value for money. They will communicate effectively and efficiently with school families, with our uniform supplier, with the uniform committee and will periodically review and update the uniform policy.

The uniform committee will consult with students, parents and staff regarding the uniform, meet regularly to maintain and develop the uniform policy, adequately research any recommendations regarding the school uniform and liaise with the school board regarding any recommended changes to the policy.

The students will wear the school uniform with pride and ensure the correct wearing of the uniform.

The parents will support the school's uniform policy, ensure the correct wearing of the uniform and notify the class teacher in writing if an item of uniform is not available to be worn for whatever reason.

The teachers will support the school's uniform policy, ensure the correct wearing of the uniform, remind the student of correct uniform in the first instance if incorrect uniform is worn and if further breaches occur, send a message home indicating the uniform breach and requesting the situation be addressed

Responsibility for implementation, monitoring and review of the procedures is vested at the level appropriate to the following roles:

School Board	Teachers
Principal	APRIM

Review

This policy will be reviewed every 3 years, or earlier if information becomes available that significantly affects the content of the policy.

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Related Documentation, Links and Resources

The following documents, links and resources are to be read in conjunction with this document. In order to ensure contemporary practice our procedural documents will be online:

St Therese Uniform Information List