



# *St Joseph's Catholic School*

*Queenstown*

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY (also refer to JEWELLERY AND HAIR POLICY)**

### **RATIONALE**

The St Joseph's Catholic School Board has resolved that children attending the school should wear an approved school uniform, unless exempted from doing so by the Principal on designated days and for exceptional reasons.

### **AIMS**

The School Board believes that a clearly stated and sensibly implemented uniform policy is important for the following reasons:

- To provide a focus and a sense of identity for students attending the school.
- To provide an opportunity for parents and staff to instil in the children a sense of pride in their appearance, which is an important Christian ethic.
- To prevent excesses in fashion trends and to eliminate competition among students.
- To provide an economic means of clothing children for school.

### **PROCEDURES**

- The Principal is empowered by the School Board to implement the approved uniform policy and, in doing so, may grant exception to a child from wearing all or part of the uniform for a designated period of time.
- An explanatory note from parents is required to be sent to the Principal if a child is not wearing the correct full school uniform; this note is to be carried by the child.
- Any student without a note explaining the wearing of full school uniform will not be permitted to play during recess and lunch breaks; issues regarding the wearing of full school uniform are expected to be resolved within a reasonable time (preferably up to one week, however, usually not extending beyond two weeks).
- Parents of students who are not in full school uniform without reasonable cause will be sent a note stating that their child has not been permitted to play and that there is an expectation that full school uniform is expected to be worn within a reasonable time.
- Dates of change for summer/winter uniform shall be determined by the Principal and shall recognise seasonal factors and be communicated to the school community through the newsletter.

- As part of their sun protection plan, parents may exercise the option for their children to wear long sleeved shirts, long trousers or long sleeved dresses as part of the summer uniform.
- Sports shoes are only to be worn as part of the Physical Education uniform.
- Students are only to have regulation school bags.
- See 'Guidelines on Jewellery and Hair' for information about these matters.
- If students are in public places while in school uniform, (eg shopping after school) the full, correct uniform must be worn.
- The school uniform shop provides a service for parents by stocking all items of the approved school uniform, except for shoes and sports shoes, at minimum possible prices. The shop also maintains a pool of good second-hand uniform clothing.
- Girls dress length should be knee length or within five centimetres of the knee.
- All members of the school staff are conscious of their role in implementing this policy by setting an example in their own neatness and appropriateness of dress and by ensuring that children are neatly attired when participating in any school activity.

## **THE SCHOOL UNIFORM**

### **G I R L S - W I N T E R**

- Fawn shirt and tie
- Maroon trousers or maroon pinafore/tunic
- School jumper
- Fawn socks or fawn stockings
- Maroon ribbons, scrunchies or head bands
- Black shoes (no other colour) with arch support
- Maroon water-proof jacket or coat
- Maroon scarf – scarf to be worn outside and during sedantary activites only

### **G I R L S - S U M M E R**

- . Maroon check dress
- . School jumper
- . Fawn socks (stockings (optional) on cooler days)
- . Maroon ribbons, scrunchies or head bands
- . School maroon hat
- . Black shoes (no other colour) with arch support

### **BOYS - WINTER**

- Fawn shirt and tie
- School jumper
- Long grey trousers or grey shorts
- Grey socks
- Black shoes (no other colour) with arch support
- Maroon water-proof jacket or coat
- Maroon scarf – scarf to be worn outside and during sedantary activites only.

### **BOYS - SUMMER**

- . Open neck fawn shirt
- . Grey shorts (long grey trousers (optional) on cooler days)
- . School jumper
- . Grey socks
- . School maroon hat
- . Black shoes (no other colour) with arch support

### **SPORTS UNIFORM (TO BE WORN ON SPORTS DAYS.)**

- Black tracksuit pants
- Black shorts
- Maroon polo shirt
- School rugby top or School fleecy-lined zip-up jacket
- Predominantly white socks
- Sensible sports shoes with arch support

#### **House names and colours are:**

**Rogers** - Green      **Flynn**- Blue      **Roche** - Gold

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