UNIFORM POLICY

To be reviewed: 2017

RATIONALE:
A school uniform reinforces a sense of pride and a sense of belonging. It enhances the profile of the school.

AIMS:
• To ensure that our students wear the expected school uniform appropriately and with pride at school and in the community.
• To provide a range of quality uniform items which are representative of our school.

IMPLEMENTATION:
Student's responsibility:
• To wear correct school uniform appropriately at all times.
• To be responsible for their own uniform at school.
• All students are required to wear a sunhat with the school logo from September - May, as per the Sunsmart Policy.
• To pass Infringement Notices to their parents.

Parent's responsibility:
• To ensure that their children wear the correct school uniform appropriately at all times.
• To notify their child's class teacher in writing if their child is unable to wear the correct uniform for any reason.
• To label all of the items of their child's uniform with the child's name.
• To regularly check for ownership of items of clothing.
• To purchase clothing from the Uniform Shop to ensure conformity.
• To ensure students wear Winter or Summer school uniform as notified in the Newsletter.
• To follow up on any Infringement Notices issued.
• To repair/replace torn, ripped, worn or items of uniform which are too small.
• Replacement hats are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop or the School Office.
• To ensure Level Six students wear either a plain windcheater or the selected Level Six windcheater.
• To ensure that Foundation – Level Five students wear the plain school windcheater (i.e. not a previous Level Six windcheater passed down).

School's responsibility:
• To positively encourage students to wear the correct school uniform at all times.
• To notify/contact parents of students who regularly do not wear correct school uniform to ascertain the reason.
• To approve any change of supplier/specifications as raised by the Uniform Shop Coordinator (Uniform items listed overleaf).
• To provide a Uniform Shop as a service to families.
• To provide containers for each classroom for the collection of windcheaters during breaks.
• To issue/complete Infringement Notices fairly and consistently. It is the responsibility of the class teacher/s to hand out Infringement Notices. After three communications, parents will be contacted by the Principal to ascertain the problem.
• Replacement hats are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop or the School Office.
• The decision for the design on the Level 6 Windcheater is made by the Principal in conjunction with the Level Six teachers and Level Five students.
SCHOOL UNIFORM:

Boys Summer:
- Short sleeve white shirt
- Grey shorts
- Plain grey socks (ankle length)
- Black school shoes
- Bottle green windcheater (school logo)
- School hat (Sept - May)

Girls Summer
- School Summer Dress
- Plain white socks (ankle length)
- Black school shoes
- Bottle green windcheater (school logo)
- Bottle green or black bloomers
- School hat (Sept - May)

Boys Winter:
- Long sleeve white shirt
- Grey long pants
- Bottle green windcheater (school logo)
- Plain grey socks (ankle length)
- Black school shoes

Girls Winter:
- Long sleeve white shirt
- Tunic or Grey Long Pants - Optional
- Bottle green windcheater (school logo)
- Black tights
- Black school shoes

Sports Uniform (Summer)
- Polo top (spliced)
- Green shorts (Boys)
- Green skort (Girls)
- Runners

Sports Uniform (Winter)
- Polo top (spliced)
- Green tracksuit pants
- Bottle green windcheater (school logo)
- Runners

All students are expected to have the school hat and the green Our Lady’s School Bag.

OPTIONAL EXTRAS: Available - Green scarf, green or gold hair scrunchies / headbands, green polar fleece beanie, art smocks and library bags (limited stock). Students are to wear brown or black hair clips. Bottle green rain jackets are available elsewhere.

*Please note: The uniform listed will remain in place from 2009-2015, as per the decision of the Education Board in 2008, unless changes are required due to manufacturer/supplier issues.

PROPOSAL OF UNIFORM CHANGE (PROCEDURES)

- Prior to policy review, all parents will be notified of the opportunity to contribute their thoughts to a review of uniform in writing.
- The Principal will bring any suggestions to the Education Board for discussion. That Board meeting would also include the President of the Parents’ Association and the Uniform Shop Coordinator.
- The suggestion is discussed at the Board meeting. If the suggested change seems feasible, further investigations will be made. If change does not seem appropriate, the Education Board will dismiss it and the person making the request will be notified.
- The decision voted upon by the Education Board must have majority approval to incur change. (Parents’ Association seconded members will not have voting rights).
- Changes will then be introduced over a nominated time span.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed by the staff and the Education Board in conjunction with the Parents' Association, as part of the school’s three year cycle.