

St Kevin's Uniform Policy



Rationale

At St Kevin's we believe that the wearing of a school uniform enables us to express ourselves as a Catholic school community, promoting a positive school image and a sense of school pride. School uniforms represent value for money clothing, eliminating peer pressure.

Policy Statement

At St Kevin's the students are required to wear the school uniform. The uniform can be sourced through the St Kevin's Uniform Shop or the Retailer 'A Plus School Wear' and available for Parents to purchase at a practical, reasonably priced manner.

Aims

- To promote the wearing of a readily identifiable school uniform as a means of developing school pride and as a matter of safety, equity and good health – in the school grounds, on school excursions and for sporting activities.
- By offering a range of competitively priced uniform items parents are able to dress their children in durable clothing.
- To eliminate peer pressure on children when selecting what to wear each day.

Implementation

- The Uniform Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
- Teachers and parents will be involved in regular review of the school's uniform/student dress code (via surveys, feedback, etc).
- Teachers will play an important part in ensuring that the dress code is adhered to.
- Children will support the dress code by wearing school uniforms at all times.
- The school uniform is to be worn with black school shoes. On days when the sport uniform is worn runners/sneakers are to be worn. If a student needs to wear runners/sneakers for health reasons, please communicate in writing to let the Classroom Teacher know.
- Parents will support the dress code by ensuring that their children comply with its requirements.
- Reminders for wearing the correct school uniform will be issued to students and parents will be notified if this continues.
- Cultural events and theme/dress-up days and free dress days will allow individuality to be expressed.
- Parents may assist with donations, maintaining the order and occasional stocktake.
- Shop times and uniform prices to be regularly advertised in the school newsletter.
- When wearing the school uniform a simple chain with a crucifix may be worn. Small earring studs, sleepers and a watch are permitted to be worn. If a child has a sentimental piece that is discreet, that is also acceptable. Other fashion jewellery is not allowed.
- Smart Watches are not permitted as part of the school uniform (refer to eSmart Policy and User Agreement)

- St Kevin's sunsmart hats are to be worn under Sunsmart Policy. The St Kevin's school hat is compulsory from mid-August to the end of April. Hats are not to be worn inside.
- Other than clear or natural colour nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school (Lip balm is allowed but not glossy).
- Students are to wear appropriate school coloured ribbons/headbands in hair. No other adornment of hair will be accepted.
- Extreme hair colours (eg: green, pink or purple) are not acceptable and parents/carers will be asked to meet with the Principal.
- Neat and tidy hairstyles are required at school. Anyone with longer than shoulder length hair needs to have it tied up.
- The Staff and Principal will be responsible for implementation of the Uniform in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.
- Contraventions of the Uniform Policy will be discussed in a discreet, confidential manner seeking best possible resolution.
- Sunscreen is provided for staff and students (as per Sunsmart Policy). Any students or staff with allergies will provide their own sunscreen.

Exemptions

- Parents seeking exemptions to the Uniform Policy due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship may apply in writing to the Principal for reasonable consideration.

Resources

- All second hand school uniforms will be provided by the St Kevin's Uniform Shop. This shop is staffed by Parent Volunteers and is a sub-committee of the St Kevin's Parent and Friend's Association.
- All uniforms will be sourced competitively and provided affordably to the school community.
- Parents that require to purchase a second hand uniform, need to see administration staff. Staff will assist parents as required.
- The Uniform shop will have a model list of required uniforms and will have second hand uniforms for sale, when possible.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and places of purchase, will be published in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- Arrangements can be made to supply uniforms via the Principal Relief for families experiencing economic hardship.

Evaluation

The Uniform Policy will be assessed periodically by staff and students.

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References - Exec Memo 95/022 – Student Dress Codes Vic Govt Schools Reference Guide - http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/referenceguide/enviro/4_8.htm