

ST EDWARD'S SCHOOL
TAMWORTH

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

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RATIONALE

St Edward's School has had a long and established tradition since its foundation that students are to be well presented and wear a standardised uniform. Upholding this tradition and being considerate of current times and circumstances, the following Uniform Policy has been formulated.

AIM

St Edward's School Uniform Policy aims:

- To promote equality amongst students
- To encourage a sense of 'identity' and 'belonging' to our Catholic School community of St Edward's
- To foster a sense of pride in the uniform of our school
- To allow every child to be dressed uniformly regardless of any economical or financial disadvantage their family may experience
- To foster an awareness within students of the importance of good grooming and the impact wearing our school uniform 'well' has on the wider community

IMPLEMENTATION

Parents and Guardians are made aware of the St Edward's School Uniform requirements on enrolment and at the commencement of each school year. Stockists are also listed for those parents wishing to purchase our school uniform through local businesses. A Clothing Pool operates from the school office to allow parents access to uniforms at a less expensive cost.

Students are reminded in class and on assembly of our St Edward's Catholic School Code of Conduct that states "We are proud of our school and will wear our correct uniform." Consequences are listed if this code is not upheld.

ST EDWARD'S SCHOOL UNIFORM

All children are required to wear the following uniform:

Girls Summer

Short white socks
 Black lace-up shoes (no skate shoes)
 Blue & white stripe uniform dress
 Blue hair ribbons
 Blue broad brimmed school hat

Girls Winter

Blue & grey checked uniform dress
 Sky blue long sleeved shirt
 Black lace-up shoes
 Navy tights or long navy socks
 School tie
 Blue school sloppy joe
 Blue broad brimmed school hat
 School jacket

Boys Summer

Short grey socks with two blue stripes
 Black lace-up shoes (no skate shoes)
 Sky blue short sleeved shirt
 Grey shorts (no cargo shorts / no outside pockets)
 Blue broad brimmed school hat

Boys Winter

Long grey trousers (no cargo pants / no outside pockets)
 Sky blue long sleeved shirt
 Black lace-up shoes
 Grey socks
 School tie
 Blue school sloppy joe
 Blue broad brimmed school hat
 School jacket

- Blue school scarves and gloves may be worn in extremely cold weather.
- School hats may be purchased from the canteen and must be worn all year round.

Girls Sport Uniform

St Edward's sport shorts or pleated skirt
 St Edward's sport shirt – house colour
 St Edward's sport socks
 Royal blue track pants (winter)
 School jacket (winter)
 Blue wide brimmed school hat

Boys Sport Uniform

St Edward's sport shorts
 St Edward's sport shirt – house colour
 St Edward's sport socks
 Royal blue track pants (winter)
 School jacket (winter)
 Blue wide brimmed school hat

- Sport shoes must be predominantly **white** sport shoes/joggers. Ill fitting shoes or skate shoes are not acceptable footwear on sport days or for sporting events.

STUDENT GROOMING

Jewellery

- Children may wear a school badge, a watch, one silver or gold single thread bangle or signet ring, gold or silver plain studs. **Only one earring in each ear is allowed.** No necklaces or extra bracelets are permitted with the exception of medical alert bracelets.

Hair

- Hair should be neat and tidy at all times and if long, it must be tied back.
- There are to be no unnatural hair colour. Unusual or 'trendy' haircuts such as Mohawks, rat tails or hair tattoos are not permitted.
- Combs and clips should be plain blue, black, tortoise shell, silver or gold.
- All ribbons, scrunchies, headbands etc. must be blue or school uniform colours.

BREACHES OF THE POLICY

There may be times or circumstances whereby a student or students are unable to wear the correct school uniform for a short period of time. Where the situation is unavoidable the student is to have a note from the parents/guardians explaining the reason for not having the correct uniform and how long there may need to be an exemption. Permission will be granted for no more than a reasonable time as deemed by the Principal or member of the Executive. In cases where there are significant difficulties in relation to the uniform, the Principal will need to be informed.

AMENDMENTS TO THE POLICY

Amendments may be made to the policy after consultation with the Staff and School Board. Any amendments to the policy will be communicated by the re-issue of the policy in its amended form.

EVALUATION

The St Edward's School Uniform Policy is designed to establish positive attitudes of equality, personal responsibility, personal and communal pride and school spirit. The full support of the school community is essential in achieving and maintaining these goals. This policy will be reviewed when necessary or as circumstances require.