



St Joseph's Catholic Secondary School SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY



By choosing to attend St. Joseph's Catholic Secondary School, students and their parents have made a serious long term commitment to Catholic Education. The uniform is part of that commitment. It is a reflection of who we are and how we see ourselves and how others see our school. As a student at St. Joe's you are an ambassador of all that St. Joe's symbolizes. Because of this, the uniform should be worn proudly. Since you agree to the wearing of a uniform by coming to our school, we ask that you respect, understand and comply with the following information.

- Students must arrive and leave the school wearing the complete uniform.
- Students are to be in full uniform at all times while on school property, including hallways, classrooms, gymnasiums, library and the cafeteria until they leave the property.
- Upon arrival to school, coats and/or jackets must be kept in lockers during the school day. They are not to be worn anywhere in the building except when students are entering or leaving the building.
Coats and/or jackets or other sweaters will not be a substitute for a school sweater at any time.
- Students who are not in Uniform will not be allowed into class and sent to the office. Students who are not in compliance with the uniform expectations will be sent home to change.
- All items (with the exception of footwear and belts) must be purchased from the school uniform supplier, RJ McCarthy. Substitutes are not permitted for any item of the School Uniform.
- Skirts and shorts will not be hemmed shorter than 5cm above the top of the knee. Skirts and shorts are not to be rolled up.
- Wearing non-uniform clothing over the school uniform is not permitted.
- A uniform top must be worn under the school cardigan.
- Any clothing item worn under uniform pieces, and still visible must be in the school uniform colours **plain white or red**. (The t-shirt must not have writing, pictures, logos or advertising. Tank tops are not permitted).
- Baseball caps, hats, toques, caps, sweatbands, wristbands, hoodies, bandanas or decorative scarves are not permitted in the building.
- Accessories must be in good taste, subdued in nature and must be in keeping with the spirit of the uniform. Items such as wallet chains and shawls are not permitted.
- Uniform pants must be worn appropriately; no sagging or over-sizing is allowed. All pants and skirts must be worn at the waist. Undergarments should not be exposed, pant length must not be dragging. Clothing is to be neatly hemmed or cuffed and not rolled to distort the intended length. Absolutely no patterned or footless tights, fishnet stockings, or leggings will be permitted.
- Any unauthorized alteration of the School Uniform is not permitted. Students are not permitted to use pins or elastics to alter uniforms..
- Students must wear complete uniforms to out-of-school functions, field trips and athletic events unless approval is given by school administration.

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