

Policy E303

School Uniforms

Preamble

An official school uniform demonstrates a unified group and is worn by the student with pride and respect as representatives of St Mary's School.

Rationale

Students of St Mary's are required to dress in the prescribed school uniform. This assists the school community in presenting a unified image. It will also teach the students discipline and will encourage them to dress in the appropriate manner and respect dress regulations, both now and in the future.

Values

The wearing of the official school uniform establishes within the children the values of equity, pride, dignity, discipline, respect and loyalty.

Policy

Students attending St Mary's School are required to wear the prescribed day and sports uniforms. Such uniforms should be practical, inexpensive and to a consistent sun-smart standard.

Implementation Issues

- The school board will make all final decisions regarding uniforms.
- The P & F Association will be the body responsible for organizing any changes to the uniforms.
- Reasons for a change must be clearly stated and understood by the parent body.
- Surveys of the parent body must be conducted to gather opinions on a recommended change in uniform.
- Returned surveys must indicate a clear majority indicating the desire to change the uniform.
- After a major change, no further major change may occur for a period of at least 5 years.
- Minor changes may occur with the consent of a majority of the parental body in any one year.
- It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that the correct school uniform is worn.
- There will be a transitional period of no more than 2 years following a major change in uniform.
- Parents are informed consistently of uniform expectations through newsletter.

Reflection Material

Parent Handbook
St Mary's Handbook

- The Principal will support family compassionately who are facing financial difficulties.