UNIFORM POLICY

RATIONALE

St Mary’s seeks to instil and foster pride in children for their appearance and in their school. As part of the enrolment process, it is parental responsibility to ensure the correct items are purchased and worn appropriately. Students need a sense of security, regular routine and obedience to school rules and policies for successful learning to occur and acceptance of all. General standards of tidiness, cleanliness and hygiene are important at home, at school and in the workplace. By wearing the correct uniform, students are developing self-respect and respect for the dignity of all members of our Christian community to which they belong.

VALUES

St Mary’s Uniform Policy will identify students as belonging to St Mary’s school community. The policy gives expression to the following values, inherent in the creation of a school community of faith and life: respect, acceptance, inclusivity, responsibility and self-discipline.

POLICY STATEMENT

St Mary’s school uniform is compulsory and is not negotiable. Children must wear the correct uniform neatly and appropriately at all times, except for approved medical conditions. For public occasions, formal dress school uniform will be worn.

CONSEQUENCES

- St Mary’s school uniform will be worn with respect, preserving the dignity of all children and reflecting the Christian spirit of the school. It will be readily available from local stockists.
- Students will be monitored by staff on a daily basis to be neat, tidy and take pride in personal appearance.
- Parents will support the school community decisions in maintaining the uniform standard.
- The school will recognise individual situations where physical disability or serious financial difficulty exists and will accommodate these in accordance with the Gospel spirit.
- Departure from wearing the prescribed uniform will only be accepted after written consultation with the teacher. Parents must write a note, or detentions will occur. Or, if for a prolonged period of time, approval from the Principal is required.
- Detentions will occur for blatant or ongoing disregard for uniform requirements or wearing it incorrectly.
- A Uniform Shop will operate for families to purchase second-hand school uniform items at a reasonable cost.
- Lost property is placed in special collection points at both campus sites for a short period of time. Any items unclaimed at the end of each term will be sent to the Uniform shop to be resold as second-hand clothing, or discarded, depending on the article.
- All articles of clothing, hats and belongings must be permanently marked with child’s name (not initials).
- St Mary’s School hat with school crest must be worn while outside. No other colour or style is accepted.
Our school has a “No Hat – No Play” rule as part of our Sun-Safe procedures.

- Boys are to have their dress shirts tucked in at all times.
- All shoelaces must be black for dress uniform and white for sports uniform. They are to be tied appropriately.
- St Mary’s School sport socks must been worn with Sports Uniform only. No other socks are permitted.
- Shoes must be lace-up or Velcro completely black polishable leather shoes only – no suede, or canvas or boots at any time.
- Hair must be neat, tidy and appropriate. Hair colorants are not acceptable. Extremes in style and cut are not permitted. Length must be a minimum Gauge Two. All acceptable styles, cut and length are at the discretion of the Principal.
- Girls with shoulder length or long hair must have it tied back at all times. All hair accessories must be the school colours (Green, yellow, white or navy).
- Boy’s hair must be above the collar. Fringes must be above the eyebrows and above the ears.
- The only jewellery to be worn may include a watch or a single pair of simple studs or plain sleepers, pierced through the lower lobe of both ears.
- Nails are to be kept short due to OH&S and participation in sport. Nail polish is not acceptable.
- St Mary’s School back packs are compulsory. These provide appropriate back support and safety. These are purchased through the school office.
- If parents are unsure of any aspect of St Mary’s uniform requirements, please check with administration – as failure to do so can be expensive.

**GIRLS’ UNIFORM (YEARS 1-7)**

**SUMMER**
- **Dress** Green and white striped
- **Mid-calf length**
- **Socks** Short plain white socks – above ankle (no anklets)
- **Shoes** Plain black leather fully enclosed shoes (no joggers or boots)
- **Hat** St Mary’s Bottle green hat - slouch style, with school emblem.

**WINTER**
- **Tunic** Drop waist Tartan (2 sets of 4 knife pleats).
- **Mid-calf length**
- **2 bottle green buttons on each shoulder**
- **Blouse** “Midford” brand, lemon polycotton shirt, with Peter Pan collar, button to neck (Optional long sleeves)
- **Socks** Long plain black that are higher than hem length (optional - black tights)
- **Shoes** Plain black leather fully enclosed shoes (no joggers or boots)
- **Pullover** Bottle green V neck
- **Jacket** St Mary’s Jacket
- **Scarf** Bottle green, Navy or Black

**SPORTS**
- **Shorts** Navy blue, with school name embroidered on left leg
- **Brand - Biz Collection - ‘Biz cool’**
- **Shirt** St Mary’s Bottle green Sports Shirt, with gold and blue diagonal stripe
across chest and back, and school emblem screen-printed on blue stripe
Socks St Mary’s Sports Socks must be worn. No other style is permitted
Shoes Predominately white [90%], fully enclosed, lace-up joggers (no boots)
Tracksuit Top St Mary’s Bottle green jacket with gold stripes and zip front, School emblem embroidered on front
Tracksuit Pant Plain bottle green only, the same material as the Tracksuit Top (Not fleecy)
These are available at Danny Lyons Sports and Cooreys

BOYS’ UNIFORM (YEARS 1-7)

SUMMER
Shorts “Scags” navy blue shorts (Style 108) only
Shirt St Mary’s Green shirt with gold pocket trim
Socks Long navy socks with green/gold stripe
Shoes Plain black leather fully enclosed lace-up (no joggers or boots)
Hat St Mary’s Bottle green slouch style, with school emblem

WINTER
Trousers Long Navy Blue trousers or “Scags” navy blue shorts (Style 108) as for summer
Shirt St Mary’s Green shirt with gold pocket trim
Socks Long navy socks with green/gold stripe
Shoes Plain black leather fully enclosed lace-up (no joggers or boots)
Pullover Bottle green V neck

SPORTS
Shorts Navy blue, with school name embroidered on left leg
Brand - Biz Collection - ‘Biz cool’
Shirt St Mary’s Bottle green Sports Shirt, with gold and blue diagonal stripe across chest and back, and school emblem screen-printed on blue stripe
Socks St Mary’s Sports Socks must be worn. No other style is permitted
Shoes Predominately white [90%], fully enclosed, lace-up joggers (no boots)
Tracksuit Top St Mary’s Bottle green jacket with gold stripes and zip front, School emblem embroidered on front
Tracksuit Pant Plain bottle green only, the same material as the Tracksuit Top (Not fleecy)
These are available at Danny Lyons Sports and Cooreys

PREP UNIFORM
The Prep children, girls and boys, are required to wear the following components of the school uniform on a daily basis.

Shorts Navy blue, with school name embroidered on left leg
Brand - Biz Collection - ‘Biz cool’
Shirt St Mary’s Bottle green Sports Shirt, with gold and blue diagonal stripe across chest and back, and school emblem screen-printed on blue stripe
Socks St Mary’s Sports Socks must be worn. No other style is permitted
Shoes Predominately white [90%], fully enclosed, lace-up joggers (no boots)
Tracksuit Top St Mary’s Bottle green jacket with gold stripes and zip front, School emblem embroidered on front
Tracksuit Pant Plain bottle green only, the same material as the Tracksuit Top (Not fleecy)
These are available at Danny Lyons Sports and Cooreys
Pullover Bottle green V neck

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT NEW UNIFORM ITEMS
ST MARY’S SPORT SOCKS – Students must have the new Socks by beginning of 2014.
ST MARY’S BACK PACK – Students must have the new Back Pack by beginning of 2014.