St Martin’s Catholic Primary School

Uniform Policy

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UNIFORM POLICY STATEMENT

Introduction

The St Martin’s Uniform Policy has been developed in consultation with parents on the School Advisory Board in 2012 and 2014, the Parents and Friends Association (P&F) and School Staff.

1. Reasons for establishing a Uniform Policy
   > Respect for our School, our patron Saint, our motto and our values;
   > Self-respect – for our appearance and safety which is incorporated into our “Positive Behaviours for Learning” (PBL);
   > Representing our school and its community outside the school grounds – excursions, extra curricula activities, travelling to and from school.

We expect parents and families to support the Uniform Policy without exceptions. Self-respect forms a significant part of our PBL program.

2. Uniform Seasons
   > Summer uniform is to be worn in Terms 1 and 4 with a changeover period of the first 2 weeks of Term 2 and 4 when students may choose to wear summer or winter uniform depending on the weather conditions;
   > Winter uniform is to be worn in Terms 2 and 3 with a changeover period of the first 2 weeks of Term 2 and 4 when students may choose to wear summer or winter uniform depending on the weather conditions.

3. Reinforcing the Uniform expectations to all students, Years K-6
   > A correct uniform checklist will be sent to all families in Terms 2 and 4;
   > A whole school uniform inspection will be held each term;
   > Spot checks may be held if necessary;
   > Following repeated Uniform Policy breaches, a data slip will be completed then a letter will be sent home via the child’s Teacher and a phone call from the Principal if necessary.
4. Establishing the Uniform expectations with new students, Years K-6
   - Information regarding adherence to St Martin’s Uniform Policy is included in the school Parent Information Handbook;
   - A correct uniform checklist with colour photos, will be distributed to new families as part of the Transition to School information;
   - During the annual Kindergarten Transition process, a member of the Uniform Shop committee will give a short presentation explaining and demonstrating the correct uniform.

5. Communication of the Uniform Policy
   - School Website – the following will be published: Uniform checklist, colour photos showing the correct uniform, this Uniform Policy statement;
   - School Newsletter – Colour photos to be included in the newsletter in Terms 2 and 4, Uniform checklist;
   - Noticeboards outside classrooms – Colour photos and checklist on display in Terms 2 and 4.

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The School Uniform

**Girls summer uniform**: Blue check dress, white fold down ankle socks, black leather school shoes, school hat

**Girls winter uniform**: Navy check tunic, white long sleeved blouse, navy check tab, navy sweater with school emblem, navy knee high socks or tights, black leather school shoes, school hat

**Girls sports uniform**: Yellow sports top with school emblem, shorts or skort, white fold down ankle socks, white sports shoes, brimmed school hat, navy sweater. Sports shoes must be predominantly white.

**Boys summer uniform**: White short sleeved shirt with school emblem, navy shorts, white socks, black leather school shoes, school hat.

**Boys winter uniform**: White long-sleeved shirt with school emblem, navy tartan tie, long navy pants or navy shorts and long navy socks with yellow band, black leather school shoes, navy sweater and school hat.

**Boys sport uniform**: Yellow sports top with embroidered emblem, blue shorts, white turn down ankle socks, white sports shoes, navy sweater, brimmed school hat. Sports shoes must be predominantly white.

**Please ensure all clothing is clearly marked with your child’s name**

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FURTHER CLARIFICATIONS REGARDING UNIFORM

The following items are NOT permitted as part of the St Martins’ school uniform:

- Headbands and hair scrunchies in colours other than dark blue or school uniform material
- Nail polish
- Jewellery including bracelets, rings, hooped or hanging earrings
- Coloured hair or extensions
- Visible temporary skin tattoos or pen markings
- Beaded hair
- Rabens, Vans, Converse or similar soft shoes with any uniform
- Brightly coloured sports shoes and laces
- Non-uniform hats and bags
- Non-uniform jumpers and jackets
- Coloured scarves
- Previous Year 6 jumpers in any year
- Anklet socks that do not fold down and disappear into the shoes

The following items ARE permitted as part of the St Martins’ school uniform:

- School uniform fabric headbands (summer and winter) and hair scrunchies or plain dark blue
- Earrings – plain gold or silver studs or sleepers
- Simple cross with chain necklace worn under the student’s shirt or dress
- Current Year 6 jumpers in Year 6 only
- Dark blue scarves worn to and from school during the colder months

SPORT DAYS

Students in all grades, Kindergarten to Year 6, are required to wear the school sports uniform on both Physical Education (PE) and class sport days. The school will communicate with parents, at the beginning of each term, which days these are.

The Class Teacher will advise families of the relevant days at the beginning of each year.
HAIR REGULATIONS

> Girls hair to be tied back off the face in a simple pony tail, bunches or plait
> Boys hair to be cut neatly off the face and collar; no shaved-in designs

Students are to ensure their hairstyle conforms to the following:

> Hair should be neatly cut, and maintained at all times
> No undercut styles, tracks, lines or dramatic layered effects
> Hair should not be overly styled by use of hair products and not tinted or coloured
> For boys, long hair is not acceptable, neither are long strands of hair that cover the face or touch the collar
> Number 2 is the shortest acceptable length
> The school has the authority as to the appropriateness of any hairstyle

If a student presents at school with a hairstyle outside of the regulations, parents will be contacted and asked to ensure their child's hair conforms prior to returning to the school the next day. In some instances it may be necessary to have the hairstyle changed immediately at the parents’ expense.

TUCK MUFTI

“Tuck Mufti” days are held once a term. On these days students may wear home clothes which maintain a respect for their appearance and safety. As such, the following should be adhered to on Tuck Mufti days:

> Respectable clothing, no bare midriffs, ripped clothing, no offensive slogans;
> Enclosed shoes to be worn, no thongs or sandals;
> Same jewellery rules apply as for normal school uniform;
> Hair to be tied back
> Wear a hat
ST MARTINS’ SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Our School Uniform Shop is operated by a team of parent volunteers as a sub-committee of the Parents and Friends Association.

Location: Between the Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms. Entry is via the Year 2 classroom

St Martin’s Uniform Shop operates each Wednesday afternoon from 3.15 – 4pm

A price list is available from the Uniform shop, from the school office or can be downloaded from school website. If you are unable to attend the Uniform Shop, orders can be sent to the School Office and you will receive the order on the next day (Thursday).

All school uniform items (except shoes) are available for purchase from our St Martin’s Uniform Shop. No outside retailers sell these items.