



## UNIFORM POLICY

### 1 Context

St Mark's College Uniform Policy is directly related to the values of the Salesian and Good Samaritan traditions of welcome, hospitality, compassion and stewardship. It reinforces in students a pride in their appearance and calls each person to an awareness of equality and dignity of each individual. The College uniform provides safety and a sense of identity, dignity and respect for themselves and their school. It is symbolic of their connection to St Mark's Community. Our uniform is a visual and public statement that our students belong to the St Mark's community.

Our expectation is that the uniform is worn in a way that it shows a personal discipline, reflects pride in self and a respect for the College. The Uniform Policy and Guidelines are provided with your enrolment package.

### 2 Purpose

The uniform presents the College to the public to ensure a positive image in line with our ethos. The Uniform Policy addresses the total appearance of the student travelling to and from school, whilst at school, and in attendance at any other school function.

- To promote equality amongst all students
- To further develop a sense of pride in, and identification with our school
- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective, practical and safe for our school environment
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

### 3 Responsibilities

Adhering to the uniform policy is the responsibility of everyone in the school community. Parents/carers, staff and students all have a role to play.

#### 3.1 Students

- 3.1.1 It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that they arrive at school each day in correct uniform. At the end of each day, it is the student's responsibility to ensure that they leave the College grounds appropriately attired.
- 3.1.2 Students are responsible for keeping their uniform neat and clean.
- 3.1.3 Students are to ensure that all items are named and that they care for their uniform by not losing items.
- 3.1.4 Students are to accept and follow through on consequences that are issued by the school, when they have not accepted personal responsibility for wearing the correct uniform.
- 3.1.5 Students are responsible for wearing the uniform correctly, as per this policy, both at school and in the community.

#### 3.2 School staff

- 3.2.1 Teaching staff will ensure that a clear and consistent approach is adopted when following up with individual students who are not adhering to the uniform requirements
- 3.2.2 The school will provide parents/carers with a copy of the school's uniform policy and school uniform requirements, at the time of their child's enrolment.
- 3.2.3 The school will inform parents/carers of uniform requirements regularly through the newsletter.
- 3.2.4 The Deputy Principal and/or their delegate, will oversee the shared responsibility for ensuring that students wear the correct school uniform that has met agreed community standards.
- 3.2.5 It is the responsibility of the Principal and/or their delegate, to ensure that the school uniform policy is developed and reviewed collaboratively with the school community.

### **3.3 Parents/Carers**

- 3.3.1 Parents/carers are to ensure that their child has the correct St Mark's College uniform. They are asked to replace uniform items which are in poor condition or do not fit adequately.
- 3.3.2 Parents/carers will ensure their child arrives at school dressed in the correct Uniform and worn as per the Uniform Policy requirements.
- 3.3.3 Parents/carers will support the College and work collaboratively with school staff regarding necessary follow-up relating to incorrect uniform items.

## **4 The College Uniform requirements**

### **4.1 (a) Girls Summer (Term 1 & Term 4) Option 1**

- Approved College dress. The hem of the dress should be no higher than 2.5cm above the top of the knee cap.
- Light blue socks which cover the ankles
- Approved plain black leather lace up school shoes
- R – 2 students are able to wear black leather school shoes with Velcro fastenings.
- Approved unisex College jumper
- Visible t-shirts worn beneath the approved College shirt are not permissible
- College approved hat

### **4.1 (b) Girls Summer (Term 1 & Term 4) Option 2**

- Approved College short -sleeved shirt
- Approved college navy shorts
- Navy blue socks which cover the ankles
- Approved plain black leather lace up school shoes
- R – 2 students are able to wear black leather school shoes with Velcro fastenings.
- Approved unisex College jumper
- Visible t-shirts worn beneath the approved College shirt are not permissible
- College approved hat

### **4.2 Boys Summer (Term 1 & Term 4)**

- Approved College shorts (dark grey)
- Plain black belt, if desired
- Approved College short sleeved shirt
- Light grey socks
- Approved plain black leather lace up school shoes
- R – 2 students are able to wear black leather school shoes with Velcro fastenings.
- Approved unisex College jumper
- Visible t-shirts worn beneath the approved College shirt are not permissible
- College approved hat

### **4.3 (a) Girls Winter (Term 2 & Term 3) Option 1**

- Approved College skirt
- Approved College Winter shirt
- College approved scarf
- Navy Blue College Tie (The royal blue tie is permitted indefinitely)
- Approved plain black leather lace up school shoes
- R – 2 students are able to wear black leather school shoes with Velcro fastenings.
- Navy blue opaque knee-highs or tights
- Approved unisex College jumper
- Students may wear the approved commemorative jumper/tops on days designated by the College

#### **4.3 (b) Girls Winter (Term 2 & Term 3) Option 2**

- Approved College navy trousers
- Approved College winter shirt
- College approved scarf
- Optional navy blue College Tie
- Approved plain black leather lace up school shoes
- R – 2 students are able to wear black leather school shoes with Velcro fastenings.
- Navy blue socks
- Approved unisex College jumper
- Students may wear the approved commemorative jumper/tops on days designated by the College

#### **4.4 Boys Winter (Term 2 & Term 3)**

- Approved College trousers (dark grey)
- Approved College long sleeved winter shirt
- Plain black belt, if desired
- College approved scarf
- Optional navy blue College Tie
- Approved plain black leather lace up school shoes
- R – 2 students are able to wear black leather school shoes with Velcro fastenings.
- Light grey socks
- Approved unisex College jumper
- Students may wear the approved commemorative jumper/tops on days designated by the College

#### **4.5 Approved Sport and Physical Education Uniform**

- St Mark's College polo shirt
- St Mark's College navy shorts
- St Mark's College tracksuit pants
- St Mark's College sports Jacket
- Visible t-shirts worn beneath the approved College shirt are not permissible
- Suitable sports shoes (sneakers) – no skate shoes or slip on canvas shoes.
- Plain white or black sport socks (single logo permissible). No-show socks are permissible. No coloured socks.

#### **4.6 Hats**

- The only approved hats are the St Mark's College embroidered navy cap or bucket hat.
- The most preferred hat in way of Sun Safety is the College bucket hat.
- Hats must be worn in line with the Summer uniform. This includes Recess and Lunch or during any other outdoor activity.
- The College reserves the right to specify times outside the summer uniform that hats are to be worn. This will include special events such as sports days and excursions.

#### **4.7 Hair**

- Must be clean, neat and tidy.
- Hair colour must be in line with the range of natural colours.
- Hair falling onto the face, including fringes, must be pinned back using bobby pins.
- Hair below the shoulder must be fully tied back (ponytail, braids etc) or cut.
- Clipper cut hair must be no shorter than a number 3.
- Unusual or extreme cuts, colours or styles which would otherwise draw attention are not permitted.
- Boys must present to school each day clean shaven
- A ribbon in any House colour is permissible
- A thin navy/black head band is permissible

#### **4.8 Jewellery**

- A thin-chained necklace of religious significance is permitted.
- Bracelets, anklets or bangles are not permitted
- Medical alert bracelets are permitted.
- A single and discrete, signet or thin-band ring (one only) may be worn.
- One or two earrings can be worn in one or both ear lobes. A single stud or sleeper in silver, gold or diamante no larger than 0.5cm in diameter is permissible. Stretchers are not permissible.
- No other piercings, visible or not, are permitted.

#### **4.9 Make-up**

- Concealer to cover blemishes only.
- Eye make-up (eyeliner, eyeshadow or mascara) is not permitted
- Blush, bronzer and lipstick are not permitted.

#### **4.10 Nails**

- Nail polish/decorated nail art is not permitted.
- Acrylic nails are not permitted.
- Nails of an excessive length are also not permitted.

#### **4.11 Tattoos**

- Tattoos are not permitted

### **5. Supplier**

The approved supplier of the St Mark's College Uniform is Mensland & MES Streetwear Port Pirie. Any interpretation of the College Uniform Policy is at the discretion of the Deputy Principal or the Principal.

Transition Dates: Transition period occurs in the 1<sup>st</sup> two weeks of Term 2 and last 2 weeks of Term 3. During this time students can wear either summer or winter uniform.

### **6. Processes and consequences for uniform non-compliance**

As a condition of enrolment, all parents/carers and students are expected to comply with this policy. For the students, they will develop their personal responsibility and a sense of pride in themselves and their school. Outlined below is the process and consequences for uniform non-compliance.

- 6.1.1 In the first instance, students with uniform non-compliance will be spoken to by their Homegroup or class teacher. Teachers will then record this on SEQTA.
- 6.1.2 For R – 6 students, parents will be notified through the diary, communication book or SEQTA.
- 6.1.3 If uniform non-compliance continues, the Homegroup, class teacher or Year Level Coordinator will make contact with families.
- 6.1.4 Should non-compliance continue, a meeting will take place between student, parent/s and school.
- 6.1.5 Students wearing jewellery outside of the uniform policy will be asked to remove it. For repeated breaches, jewellery will be confiscated by the teacher, placed in an envelope and passed on to the Year Level Coordinator or a member of leadership, to be collected at the end of the day.
- 6.1.6 Students wearing make-up, nail polish or who present unshaven will be asked to correct the non-compliance at the Student Hub. Refusal to do so will result in the student being asked to go home and return when inline with the uniform policy.

- 6.1.7 Students wearing their hair down will be asked to tie it up.
- 6.1.8 If uniform non-compliance is extreme the student will be sent to the relevant Year Level Coordinator and/or Deputy Principal. They will be asked and given a deadline to fix this. This will be communicated with parents / caregivers. Repeat non-compliance will result in the student being withdrawn from classes or sent home to correct.

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