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St Catherine's Uniform Policy

St Catherine's values and promotes the school spirit and pride generated by students wearing the correct school uniform and following appropriate grooming standards. Wearing the correct uniform unites the students and contributes to creating a strong sense of community. The uniform reinforces the School Covenant and promotes consistency and inclusion.

Supporting diversity and being inclusive is about building communities that value, celebrate and build respectful relationships between learners, teachers, and caregivers. It is supported by collaborative relationships with communities and governments and shapes the society in which we live and the type of society to which we aspire. Education is recognised as the key pathway to improving equitable economic and social, emotional, and wellbeing outcomes for students (BCE Diversity and Inclusion Policy).

The St Catherine's school uniform gives children a sense of pride and identification with the St Catherine's community. Each student contributes to the public presence of the school within the wider community. While wearing the uniform both at St Catherine's and away from school, all students are expected to uphold the values of the school with pride and dignity.

The wearing of the school uniform is compulsory at St Catherine's. Responsibility lies with parents to ensure that children wear the correct uniform.

Uniform items have been selected for comfort, practicality and 'sun safety', with appropriate consideration also given to durability and affordability.

Guiding Principles:

- Wearing a uniform enables students to become a part of something larger than themselves and will amplify their sense of self.
- St Catherine's uniform provides a sense of belonging, reinforces our values, our rich traditions and our code of conduct (rules).
- St Catherine's students should be proud of our school and wear the uniform with pride.
- The uniform creates equality and UNITES us all as ONE community.

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Implementation

Uniform and grooming requirements are presented below. These expectations apply to normal day time attendance at School, during extra-curricular activities or when representing the School, and when travelling to and from School. All uniform items, except shoes, socks and leggings, are to be purchased from the St Catherine's Uniform Shop. This will ensure that the uniform is consistent in function, colour, design and material.

There may be occasions (e.g. if there is a free clothes day or a themed clothes day) where correct uniform is not required. The School will provide formal instruction on these occasions.

Lost property will be collected and stored outside the Uniform Shop available for access by parents/carers. Any items that remain unclaimed at the end of each term will be sent to the second-hand uniform shop to be resold, or may be discarded, depending on the article.

Roles and Responsibilities

Role of the School

- Set out clear expectations about uniform and grooming requirements and communicate these expectations to students and parents/carers at the beginning of the school year.
- Support families by allowing uniform changes to be transitioned over a reasonable period of time and by selecting uniform items with appropriate consideration to affordability and durability.
- Provide assistance to students where financial difficulty or other complicating circumstances exist.
- Support the operation of the on-site uniform shop, including second-hand items.
- Ensure uniform modifications are available to meet the individual needs of students. Modifications are at the discretion of the Principal.
- Collect and store lost property in the box outside the Tuckshop. Any items that remain unclaimed at the end of each term will be sent to the second-hand uniform shop to be resold or may be discarded, depending on the article.
- Monitor student adherence to the uniform policy and communicate with parents through an email or phone call should their child's uniform not meet the school's expectations.

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Role of Students

- At all times wear the correct uniform in the manner consistent with its design and function.
- Take responsibility for looking after and caring for their school uniform and property.
- When wearing the uniform, behave in a manner that is consistent with the values of the School and contribute positively to the image of the School.
- Show respect for themselves and for others when travelling to and from School.

Role of Parents/Carers

- Notify the School if there is any difficulty meeting uniform or grooming expectations.
- Support the School and the uniform requirements by encouraging students to wear correct uniform items and to maintain high standards of hygiene and personal presentation.
- Ensure that uniform items are marked with the student's name.

Uniform Item	Uniform Requirements
Formal Uniform	Check Blouse and Tie Check shirt Navy Culottes Navy Shorts
Formal Shoes	Black school shoes (laces/velcro) including closed low-cut shoe with a strap across the instep can be worn with Formal Uniform. Shoes, including branding, laces etc. to be black. i.e. black without coloured brands or trims Soft leather accepted to enable shoes to be worn with both Formal and Sports Uniform No canvas/volleys/high tops
Formal Socks	Plain white "crew" length socks that sit between the ankle and mid-calf
Sports Uniform	Sports polo shirt Navy Short with STC printed
Sports Shoes	Predominantly white with limited colour sports shoes and white laces Or black Formal Shoes as above
Sports Socks	Plain white "crew" length socks that sit between the ankle and mid-calf

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Hat	Regulation Navy Blue wide-brimmed school hat with logo Preps wear Orange bucket hat
Bag	School Bag with Logo
Winter / Tracksuit	School zip-up microfiber jacket with logo School zip-up fleece jacket with logo Navy Blue tracksuit pants Navy Blue Leggings/stockings (Not available at school Uniform Shop)
Representative Sport	The school may provide a student with a competition singlet. It is requested that the singlet be laundered and returned to school following the event.
Seniors	Yr 6 students may be provided with a Seniors Shirt that may substitute for the school sports polo shirt.
Jewellery	Earrings - one plain, small stud or small sleeper in each ear Choices should be restricted to silver, gold or birth stones. Religious and cultural jewellery may be worn. Watches are permitted. Please see the Personal Mobile Device Policy. All other jewellery should remain at home.
Hair	Hair must be clean, neat and tidy. It is a WHS requirement for collar length or long hair to be tied back off the face completely, at all times. Hair accessories must be school colours. Extreme hairstyles which draw undue attention to the student are not accepted and will not be permitted in any form (e.g. mullet, undercut, rat's tail, tracks, mohawk, buzz cut, dreadlocks, or hairstyles with significant contrasting sections and lengths). Blade 2 is the shortest blade acceptable for all over cuts. Colour: unnatural hair colouring which distracts from the natural look of an individual's hair is not permitted in any form. Inappropriate hair colour or hair styles will need to be changed within 24 hours. Exemptions from the above may be granted on medical, religious or cultural grounds.

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Nails/Make-Up	Nails are to be kept short for general safety and participation in sport. Nail polish, artificial nails and make-up are not permitted.
Other	Chewing gum/bubble gum is not permitted.
Purchase Options	All new uniform items are available for purchase from our school uniform shop. Uniform lists and prices are available from the office or can be downloaded from the Parent Portal/Forms & Documents/school Shops/Uniform Price List. Trading hours are Wednesday 1:30pm – 3:30pm. Uniforms may also be ordered online. Go to www.flexischools.com.au to register and place an order. Second-hand uniforms are available from the uniform shop. In a spirit of generosity and compassion parents are asked to donate uniform items that are no longer required.

SMART WATCHES

Students are not permitted to wear Smart Watches that have mobile device type access. These electrical devices cause disruption in classrooms and can be used inappropriately which can breach the privacy of others. Parents are reminded that the school office is the main avenue of communication. Smart watches worn to school need to be left at the office on arrival and can be collected when going home. Please see the Personal Mobile Device Policy.

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Swimming
Students will attend swimming lessons in Term 4, including a Swimming Carnival. Zone and District Swim Carnivals are held in Term 1. The following items should be brought to school in a labelled bag on swimming day:

- Hat and sunscreen
- Towel
- Swimming cap (compulsory) STC caps sold at Uniform Shop
- Swimming attire; appropriate togs - one piece style swimsuit or swim briefs/jammers/speedos/trunks/short board shorts with sun shirt
- Sun shirt compulsory for swimming lessons (optional for competitive races/carnival)
- Sandals / thongs / crocs / slides should be worn to and from the pool
- Swimming Goggles
- Exemptions from the above may be granted on medical, religious or cultural grounds.

Sun-Safe
A sun-safe policy is observed. Please see the St Catherine's Sun Safety Policy. 'HAT = PLAY' applies. Regulation School Hats are compulsory and available through the uniform shop. The school insists that children bring their school hat to school every day and wear it when working/playing outside. Parents should encourage children to wear their hat to and from school. The application of SPF 50+ broad spectrum sunscreen before school on uncovered areas of skin is encouraged. Sunscreen is provided in each classroom.

Associated Policies
Sun Smart Policy
Personal Devices Policy

BCE Diversity and Inclusion Policy https://mybcecatholicedu.sharepoint.com/policies-and-procedures/SitePages/Policy-Student-diverstiy-and-inclusion.aspx
QCEC Position Statement on inclusive practices https://qcec.catholic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/20190819-Amended-IP-Position-Statement.pdf

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SHOES

Below are examples of suitable school shoes for Prep.
Prep students are recommended to have Velcro shoes.

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The following example is not suitable for Prep.
Please no leather shoes with laces.

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The following are examples of suitable school shoes for Years 1 to 6.

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The following are examples of shoes that are not suitable for Years 1 to 6.

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The following examples are suitable for sport shoes i.e. Predominantly white with limited colour sports shoes and white laces.

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The following examples are not suitable for sport shoes

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SOCKS

Plain white "crew" length socks that sit between the ankle and mid-calf