



St Mary's School
131 Powells Rd,
Clarkes Hill 3352

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UNIFORM POLICY

Rationale:

- A uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instils recognition of themselves as an integral part of the school community, and assists in developing pride in representing their school. Issues of equality, health and safety, and expense are also factors that contribute to the establishment of the Dress Code.

Aims:

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

Implementation:

- After consultation with the school community, School Council has developed a Uniform Policy and Dress Code that allows for students to safely engage in the many varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.
- The Dress Code applies during school hours, while travelling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions.
- Summer and winter uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
- The times in which summer and winter uniform may be worn are as follows:
Terms 1 and 4 – summer uniform
Terms 2 and 3 – winter uniform
However, during the first two weeks of Term 2 and Term 4, either summer or winter uniform will be permitted as we transit into the new season.
- The only items of jewellery permitted are a watch, and up to two simple stud earrings or sleepers worn in the ears. Ear spacers are not allowed. Jewellery which is unacceptable will be confiscated and only returned to a parent/guardian.
- Extreme hair colours and/or extreme hairstyles are not permitted.
- No nail polish can be worn at school.
- The uniform shop operator, *Beleza School Uniforms Ballarat*, provide a service to buy quality new uniform to school families.
- The student Dress Code, including details of uniform items and purchase arrangements, will be published on the school website and in the newsletter at the start of each year.
- The Principal and staff are to be responsible for implementation of the Dress Code in a manner consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.

- Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the School Principal for consideration.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four-year review cycle.
- Should there be any change in uniform, there would be a twelve-month phase in period.

UNIFORM:

- **Summer Boys:** Grey shorts, grey socks and black shoes, St Mary's Clarkes Hill Gold short sleeved polo shirt with school logo, St Mary's Clarkes Hill woollen jumper with school logo, bottle green school hat (wide brim) with school logo
- **Summer Girls:** St Mary's Clarkes Hill checked dress, St Mary's Clarkes Hill woollen jumper with school logo, bottle green school hat (wide brim) with school logo
- **Winter Boys:** St Mary's Clarkes Hill woollen jumper with school logo, Melange grey pants, long sleeve gold shirt polo with school logo, grey socks and black shoes, coat is optional
- **Winter Girls:** St Mary's Clarkes Hill checked tunic, long sleeve gold polo shirt with school logo, St Mary's Clarkes Hill woollen jumper with school logo black tights and black shoes, coat is optional, Melange grey pants optional.
- Black shoes are the requirement footwear

SPORT UNIFORM:

Boys: St Mary's Clarkes Hill gold polo shirt with school logo, bottle green rugby shorts, white socks, bottle green track pants, bottle green tracksuit jumper with school logo and sneakers

Girls: St Mary's Clarkes Hill gold polo shirt with school logo, bottle green skorts/culottes/netball skirt/briefs, white socks bottle green track pants, bottle green tracksuit jumper with school logo and sneakers

In colder weather, children are advised to have a coat to wear because of the vast difference between temperatures inside the classroom and outside.