

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Gayndah

DRESS
CODE
POLICY



Dress Code Policy

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School Gayndah recognises that the wearing of the school uniform is an important part of creating a sense of belonging to a community, as well as enjoying a sense of identity for students as part of the school community. The daily ritual of putting on the school uniform signifies for the student the purpose of learning in a religious/spiritual environment. The students are encouraged to say a simple prayer acknowledging as they dress in the uniform, that they are commencing a new day of educational learning. The wearing of the school uniform contributes in a meaningful way to ensure that each student has pride in being a member of the St. Joseph's Catholic School community.

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School students ought at all times present a positive image to the community where they are in regular contact with the school and the wider community. A student's standard of grooming is a reflection of St. Joseph's values and traditions, as well as reflecting the student's willingness to be a responsible member of the school's community.

Policy Implementation

Guided by our Mission Statement, St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School encourages children to take pride in themselves and their school identity through the wearing of the approved school uniform. The school uniform endeavours to take into account the Queensland Government SunSmart requirements (Sun safe – sleeves and collars; hat with brim; breathable material, with sun-safe factor rating). The uniform is a smart wearable and practical design – easy for parents and staff to enforce. The colours for the uniform are derived from our school logo and are considerate of the climate at Gayndah. Notably the uniform is affordable for families.

The St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School uniform:

- Reflects the ethos and values of our school.
- Develops a sense of student unity, pride, discipline and loyalty to our school and to its vision.
- Reflects the respect and dignity that students have in themselves, each other and the school community as a whole.
- Reflects equity for all and an identity which enhances the school spirit.
- Focuses on a sense of safety and well-being especially when travelling to and from home.
- Focuses on the real purpose of schooling i.e. the development of an individuality of intellect, imagination and personality.

It is the responsibility of all parents to ensure that students are attired in correct, well-fitting, complete school uniform.

Uniforms must be in good condition. Full school uniforms (formal or sports) must be worn during school hours and to and from school. On designated occasions, students may be permitted to wear “**free dress**”. During “free dress” days, students must wear enclosed footwear, a hat and casual wear which is appropriate for school. This excludes overly expensive, immodest or clothing bearing vulgar or offensive words or graphics and/or unacceptable hair styles.

If students and parents choose not to follow the school’s dress code policy, the Principal may choose to withdraw the child from the class and school events and/or contact the parents to collect the child. The student will not be permitted to return to school until the issue has been resolved and the student and parents support the school in following the school policy.

If an accident or difficulty prevents the student from wearing the full uniform on any particular day, parents are required to send a note of explanation to the child’s class teacher.

The correct uniform, **which is compulsory at all times for all students** is as follows:

Boys

- Formal Shirt
- Formal Shorts
- Navy blue ankle socks (socks should be seen above the ankle)
- Black leather lace up/velcro shoes (no coloured laces or writing)
- Wide navy-blue brim hat with the St. Joseph’s printed on the front is compulsory when out of the classroom
- Navy blue Polar fleece jacket or vest with school crest
- Plain navy blue tracksuit top/pants
- Navy blue school bag with the St. Joseph’s embroidered on the front
- Navy blue library bag with school logo (Optional)



Girls

- Formal Blouse
- Formal Skort
- Navy blue ankle socks (socks should be seen above the ankle)
- Black leather lace up/velcro shoes (no coloured laces or writing)
- Wide navy-blue brim hat with the St. Joseph’s printed on the front is compulsory when out of the classroom
- Navy blue Polar fleece jacket or vest with school crest
- Plain navy blue tracksuit top/pants
- Navy blue stockings (tights) may be worn under skort/shorts (leggings not to be worn by themselves)
- Navy blue school bag with the St. Joseph’s embroidered on the front
- Navy blue library bag with school logo (Optional)



Sports Uniform Girls and Boys

Students are permitted to wear their sports uniform on days, which their class has allocated sports or health and physical education lessons.

- Sports Polo Shirt
- Sports Shorts
- Blue ankle socks
- Black joggers (no coloured laces or writing)
- As above wide brim navy blue hat with the school crest
- As above navy-blue school bag with the school crest
- Navy blue Polar fleece jacket or vest with school crest
- Plain navy blue tracksuit top/pants
- Navy blue stockings (tights) may be worn under skort/shorts (not leggings)



Sun Hat

Students are required to wear the correct wide brimmed hat with the embroidered logo of St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School on the front of the hat for all school outside and playground activities and whilst travelling to and from school. The school has a 'No hat, no play' policy. The wearing of sun safe **sunglasses** is acceptable for outdoor activities.

Hair



Students are not permitted to dye their hair; it is to be kept its natural colour. **Hair** is to be kept clean, neat and tidy, away from the face and tied back in a school coloured hair tie/ribbon/scrunchie (i.e. Navy Blue, school colours Blue/White) if below the collar. While we allow students to show their individuality, the style should not draw undue attention to themselves. Closely shaved heads, tracks, dreadlocks, and any styles considered to be contrary to the rationale and spirit of St. Joseph's dress code will not be accepted. As part of establishing the school's dress code, we are bound by a range of hygiene and Workplace Health and Safety.

Jewellery

Acceptable forms of jewellery may include one or more of the following:

- A set of earrings; these being plain surgical studs or sleepers worn in the lower ear lobes. One **piercing** per **earlobe** is permitted. Other visible piercings / tattoos are not permitted.
- One **fine necklace**, with a discrete and suitable **Christian symbol** may be worn around the neck e.g. cross or medal.
- No **rings** or **wrist jewellery** allowed, except for a **watch** and medical bracelets.



All jewellery is to be removed by students before playing in school sports teams and before participating in competitive physical educational activities. In general, this would not include Health and Physical Education lessons.

Grooming

Cleanliness and grooming standards are expected to be well maintained by all students. Students are not permitted to wear nail polish or make-up.

Labelling

All items brought to school should be clearly labelled with your child's name, including clothing and hat.

Uniform Purchasing

St. Joseph's Uniform Shop is run by the P & F. Uniform shop opening times are advertised via the school's Facebook page and newsletter.

Uniforms are also available to purchase via the School Office. Orders will be sent home with the student.

Second Hand uniforms are sometimes available. The school accepts donations of uniforms from families leaving the school.

Evaluation

The school uniform may be reviewed at the request of the staff, parents or students. As part of any such review, members of these groups shall be invited to make submissions to the Principal for a decision.

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle: **January 2022**

Implemented: March 2019

Policy to be reviewed in 2022

| Policy Completed | Policy Implemented | Policy Revisited | Policy Reviewed |
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**Uniform Price List and Order Form (Pricing)
can be found on the Parent Portal**