

UNIFORM POLICY

Uniform Rationale

Here at St Emilie's we believe that a school uniform:

- provides a sense of identity for students attending our school.
- is a way for parents and staff to assist children to adopt a sense of pride in both their personal appearance and in St Emilie's Catholic Primary School
- prevents students focusing on fashion trends here at school
- prevents unnecessary, and in some cases hurtful comparison and competition among students in regards to what they wear
- provides an economic means of clothing children over their years of schooling
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It is a compulsory requirement of enrolment here at St Emilie's that all students wear the correct school uniform at all times.

Parent cooperation and positive reinforcement by staff and Uniform Shop Coordinators in regard to adhering to the school uniform policy, are the preferred approaches used to ensuring students wear the school uniform correctly.

Comfort

Regular physical exercise makes a difference to our children's health and wellbeing. Movement and daily physical activity helps the brain to anchor new information, improve memory, maintain alertness and increase efficiency. For these reasons we are supportive of smart, easy-care uniforms that all children can move freely in and feel comfortable in.

Care of the Uniform

It is strongly recommended that to reduce fading and to get maximum use of the school uniforms, the following care is taken:

1. Add salt to the first COLD wash.
2. Always wash uniforms in cold water.

3. Do not soak garments.
4. Dry out of direct sunlight or turn the garment inside out.

While it may sound unusual, we also recommend that school uniforms are washed in dishwashing detergent rather than washing powders, as most washing machine powders contain some bleach.

Wearing of the Uniform

Parents are expected to ensure that children are wearing the correct school uniform prior to leaving home each day. To maintain the integrity of our uniforms, and in keeping with enrolment expectations, **only 'school issued' uniforms are to be worn;** clothing purchased from other retailers is not acceptable.

Enforcement of the School Uniform Policy

Students who do not wear the school uniform correctly may be excluded from an activity such as excursions or sport. Students must bring a note if they are unable to wear any part of the school uniform correctly. **If there is no parent note**, the following consequences will apply:

1. A verbal reminder to the student
2. If a student comes to school on the next day in an incorrect uniform without a note from their parent, the class teacher will send home a BREACH OF UNIFORM NOTE, which requires immediate parent attention and cooperation.
3. If repeated breaches of school uniform policy occur, a member of the school Leadership Team will contact parents directly.

Uniform Exemption Note from Parents

If your child comes to school without an appropriate school uniform, the parent must provide an exemption note.

IMPORTANT

Old style uniforms such as spandex skorts, fleece jackets/vests, knitted jumpers, microfibre jackets are not permitted to worn. All items stated below are compulsory.

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Junior/Senior - Years 1 to 6 [Summer]

1. Navy Blue Logo Shirts
2. Navy Blue Button Skorts
3. Navy Blue Spandex Shorts (Boys Years 1 – 3)
4. Navy Blue Cotton Shorts (Boys Year 4 – 6)
5. White high ankle socks
6. Black shoes (*Velcro/ Lace up*)

Junior School - Years 1 to 3 [Winter]

1. Navy Blue Logo Shirt
2. Navy Blue Long Cotton Spandex Pants
3. Navy Blue Logo Jacket

Senior School - Years 4 to 6 [Winter]

1. Navy Blue Trousers
2. Navy Blue Logo Polo Shirts
3. Navy Blue Logo Jacket

Sports – Years 1 to 6

1. House Shirts
(MacKillop/DeVialar/Gannon/Mazenod)
2. Sports Shirts
3. Sports Shorts
4. Sports Bag / Excursion Bag

Hair

Children with hair that is collar length or longer are required to have hair fully tied up, back off the face. Hair should be checked weekly for any evidence of head lice. Fringes must be neat, tidy and away from eyes. Hair accessories must be in royal blue as per the policy.

Hairstyles must be modest – no extreme cutting, unnatural colouring or excessive use of styling products such as gel, mousse or wax. While we accept that trends in hairstyles change from year to year, we ask that parents support us in keeping hairstyles ‘modest’.

Mohawk styles, shapes cut into hair, spiked up hair or any extreme version of hairstyle is not acceptable.

Parents are expected to be the ones to regulate hairstyles from home and to say ‘no’ to their children when required. Just as a school uniform is designed to ensure that student time is not distracted by what they are

wearing, likewise, student hairstyles are expected to conform to a style that does not draw unnecessary attention. Cooperation and respect for school rules is important and we rely on parents taking the lead.

Jewellery

The following jewellery restrictions are primarily for health and safety reasons however, as with the rest of the uniform, also ensure that what students wear is for practical reasons rather than as accessories.

Earrings: Plain silver or gold studs or small sleepers are allowed with one earring per ear.

Watch: Students are only permitted to wear an appropriately sized watch – ideally a black or navy band. No bright/fluoro bands are permitted.

No other jewellery other than a simple chain with a small religious cross or medallion is permitted.

School Sport Shoes

Black, **SPORT shoes**, lace-ups or velcro, are compulsory. These are available from most larger sports retailers. Please note that elastic-sided boots or skate/casual shoes are not permitted.

Black sport shoes have been selected so that **students only need to wear ONE pair of shoes all week** - for fitness/sport lessons, for playing and running at recess and lunch and for regular school activity. Parents are reminded that it is your responsibility when purchasing new shoes to purchase a pair of black shoes that fit well, are supportive around the ankle and that can be used as a sport shoe. While upper primary students may try to persuade you otherwise, any other colour or type is not acceptable.



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Socks

White high ankle socks. These are available from the uniform shop or can be purchased from any retail store. No stripes, frills or coloured base socks that could be visible are to be worn.



Available Socks sizes:
9-12 / 13-3 / 2-7 / 7-11 / 11-14

School Bag / School Hat / Library Bag

All these compulsory school items are to be purchased from the school uniform shop and are only for students in Years 1 to Year 6. They all feature the **school logo**.

Our school bags have been endorsed by the "Australian Physiotherapy Association" and now come with a lifetime warranty.



Class Excursions

The uniform required for an excursion will always be detailed on a permission note.

ACCESSORIES:

Hair Accessories

The Uniform Shop now stocks "Pritti" hair accessories in school colours (navy blue/gold), please do not hesitate to pop in and view our range.



Girls Opaque Tights



Navy Blue 70 Denier tights can be worn as part of the winter uniform and can be worn under school skorts, without socks. These are available from the uniform shop at a competitive price.

Scarf

- Fringe edged scarf, 180cm length
- Polar fleece fabric
- Durable & lightweight
- Warm & soft
- Washable in cold water



Ordering / Purchasing Uniforms



Shop Hours:

Tuesday 8am – 9am
Thursday 8am – 9am

The Uniform Shop will be open before the start of each new school year. Times and dates will be advertised in the school website and outside the uniform shop.

Uniforms may be purchased from the Uniform Shop during shop hours or orders can be placed, at any time, through the Office.

All orders will be filled as soon as possible however, if stock is not available, you will be advised of the expected delivery date. Payment is required before any items will be sent home.

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Labelling

Please clearly **label** all parts of your child's school uniform clearly **each year**. Unlabelled uniforms make it extremely difficult to follow up.

Returns & Exchanges

The Uniform Shop has tagged all clothing with a plastic tagger. These tags are not to be removed if returns and exchange are required.

The Uniform Shop will provide an exchange or refund within the following guidelines.

- If you wish to return any items because of incorrect sizing, we will offer an exchange as long as the item(s) are not pre-washed, worn, altered, dirty, damaged or untagged and returned in a timely manner.
- If the uniform is deemed faulty, we will return it to the manufacturer.
- Refunds will not be given if you simply change your mind. Please consider your purchase carefully.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

As the uniform shop is quite small and run by volunteers, we are unable to accommodate a second hand uniform service.

There is a St Emilie's Second Hand Uniforms Facebook page where you can buy or sell second hand uniforms. Only current uniform items and supplies (e.g. Library Bag) are to be sold.

If you have secondhand items to sell or simply give away, please ensure they are in good condition.

UNIFORM SHOP COORDINATORS

Sharron Smith and Julie Clements

Parents are reminded that while the Uniform Shop is the responsibility of the School Administration and

Leadership Staff, the day to day running of this service is carried out by two generous and highly capable volunteer parents.

This means that parents are expected to show the same respect and care to these volunteers as they would to any other staff member.

Thank You