



# Uniform Policy

Catholic schools are called to develop a sense of community where all people are treated equally and included regardless of circumstances. A consistent uniform worn by all helps students feel part of the community and enables them to show self pride and respect for their school. A high standard of dress and grooming is essential for all students at St Benedict's Catholic Primary School.

## Our objectives are to ensure:

- That our students wear our school uniform correctly and consistently.
- That our students develop a sense of pride in their uniform and therefore a sense of belonging to our school community.
- That our school uniform is accessible and affordable for all families within our school community.

## Implementation of Policy

- The School Uniform Policy is available on the St Benedict's website, distributed to parents upon enrolment, at the beginning of the year and when updated, so that all parents are continually informed about what is required.
- Students are required to wear the full uniform each day as outlined in the policy. The uniform worn is to be kept neat and clean. All clothing must be labelled with the child's name.
- The Sports Uniform will be worn on nominated sports days and the Formal Uniform on all other days unless notified by the Class Teacher. On special occasions e.g. free dress days, excursions, camps, please adhere to details outlined in notifications from school.
- Staff members will check uniforms regularly to make sure students are wearing the correct uniform in a neat and tidy manner.
- If students are unable to wear the correct uniform, or any part of it, they require a note from parents explaining the reason.
- Students, who are wearing the incorrect uniform, or any part of it, will be issued with a uniform note from their class teacher outlining what is incorrect. This notification will be sent home that day to the parent or caregiver.
- If there is a period of time where a child is unable to wear the uniform, this will be considered on an individual basis in consultation with the Principal.

## Uniform Components

### School Hat

The St Benedict's navy school hat with gold school logo screen printed on the front panel must be worn each day. It is important to clearly label this hat with your child's name on the inside.

### Sports Uniform

Both girls and boys wear the same school sports polo shirt and navy blue sport shorts with navy school socks and plain black sport shoes.

### **Formal Uniform**

Girls wear either a formal school dress or a blouse/school tie and navy blue culottes with St Benedict's school socks or navy blue tights and black leather dress shoes or plain black sports shoes.

Boys wear a formal school shirt and navy blue rigger shorts with St Benedict's school socks and black leather dress shoes or plain black sports shoes.

### **Compulsory Accessories**

- St Benedict's School Bag
- Computer Bag: With the introduction of the one to one laptop program, a computer bag may be supplied as part of the technology levy (Yr 5&6).
- Navy School Library Bag
- Red School Message Bag
- St Benedict's Portfolios

### **Special Activities**

- *Senior Shirts*: Pre-ordered shirts for our Year 6 Seniors may be worn on a teacher designated day once per week.
- *School Sports Carnival*: Plain, house coloured T-shirts may be worn to designated school sporting events.
- *Swimming*: Boys wear board shorts or trunks with a rash shirt. Girls wear a one piece swimsuit with a rash shirt. All students are required to wear a swim cap.

### **Optional Winter Items**

- Navy school microfiber tracksuit.
- Navy school sleeveless vest.
- Navy jumper.
- Navy stockings for girls.

### **Optional Accessories**

- Hair Accessories
- St Benedict's Swimming Caps
- St Benedict's Drink Bottle
- Lunchbox Bags
- St Benedict's Raincoat

**Students are personally responsible to take good care of all their labelled uniform belongings and all school property as they strive to live, love, learn and celebrate at St Benedict's.**

## Appearance Guidelines

### Hair

- Hair is to be brushed or combed neatly in a conservative style when attending school.
- Hairstyles not permitted include Mohawks, rat tails, shaved tracks, coloured hair or man buns.
- Boys' hair should be short back and sides finishing above the collar or no shorter than #2.
- Girls' hair should be at collar length or below and if longer it must be tied back at all times.
- Hair that falls across the face or eyes must be tied or clipped back at all times.
- Hair accessories must be school colours (navy, cherry red and/or white). Acceptable hair accessories are available to purchase from our Uniform Shop.

### Jewellery and Make-up

- Jewellery is not part of the school uniform. Only a chain with a religious medal or cross may be worn inside the shirt or dress.
- Plain gold or silver (studs or sleepers only) may be worn in both ears, one earring in each ear.
- No other body piercing is permitted.
- Children may wear a standard wrist watch.
- Make-up, including nail polish is not permitted.

### Anything falling outside of these guidelines is at the discretion and approval of the Principal

The Uniform Shop is located in the undercover area and is open Mondays from 2.30pm to 4:00pm and Fridays 8:00am to 9.30am. Orders can be made, and paid for, in person at the Uniform Shop in or via email. If you know the sizes you will need please feel free to fill in a *Uniform Order Form* (found on the *Parent Portal* and email it to [Mary.Smith@bne.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Mary.Smith@bne.catholic.edu.au)