



MARIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

2018-19 REVIEW OF UNIFORM POLICY

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I am writing to let you know the outcome of our recent Uniform Policy review. We started this review and consultation process in August 2018. The Board of Trustees set up a Uniform Review Committee and the brief was an in depth review of our current stockists and a review of our uniform policy.

- Reviewing our uniform policy has been a long and robust process which was initially prompted by feedback from parents and staff, many of whom found it challenging to interpret the existing policy because of the multitude of options and seasonal uniform variations.
- As part of the review process, a Uniform Committee was established and feedback was sought from the entire school community.
- The feedback received from parents was mixed – for instance, there were as many advocates for introducing culottes for girls in the place of pinafores as there were people in favour of retaining the pinafores.
- It is important to note the committee also explored other schools' experiences, and found, for instance, that culottes for girls proved a challenge for junior students in toilets (they would often get wet from the floor).

The new policy makes it clearer for parents and teachers about what is ok and what is not for both boys and girls at different times of the year, taking into account comfort and affordability and the overall look of our students as a cohesive group.

- The key changes to the uniform policy include:
 - Summer uniform will be worn after Labour Weekend through to Queens Birthday Weekend (option to wear full summer uniform from start of Term 4). Winter uniform will be worn from after Queens Birthday Weekend until Labour Weekend (option to wear full winter uniform from start of Term 2)
 - Boys to wear one style of shorts all year round (the current summer-weight version)

- One style of hat in terms one and four - the soft, bucket hat (which is cheaper, more popular and packable than the stiff, wide-brimmed option);
- Girls to wear white blouses only. Short sleeved in summer and long-sleeved in the winter months (no skivvy or polo shirt options);
- Introduction of a PE t-shirt. It will be a t-shirt style with 'Marian Catholic School' printed on the back.
- Optional new jacket to be available for all students to wear over the colder months;
- Girls' pinafores to remain as is, with a skirt option for senior students only and the option for young students to remove their pinafores on hot days and wear PE shorts and white blouse;
- Responding to parental feedback a key component has been in depth discussions with our uniform suppliers; SchoolTex Hillcrest Warehouse, and NZ Uniforms. We have refreshed our current agreements and can ensure ample stocks of current uniform items will be available, starting these upcoming summer holidays.
- We'll be pulling together a fact sheet about our new uniform policy, with photographs, before the end of term to make it clear and easy for parents when making preparations for the year ahead.

We're grateful for your co-operation. We realise some of the changes you may not agree with but please note we've consulted far and wide and considered many competing viewpoints.

We realise the changes will be more significant for some families. Please contact Mrs Jardine McIntyre our Uniform Coordinator directly with any issues or concerns you might have about purchasing new items for the 2020 school year.

The old logo is still being phased in, with the plan by the beginning of 2021 our new logo will be on all uniform items.

Thank you for your on going support

Debra A White

PRINCIPAL

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Purpose

The correct wearing of the Marian Catholic School uniform helps set the tone and atmosphere of the school and;

- Gives students a sense of identity and pride in themselves and the school.
- Maintains a standard reflective of Marian Catholic School.
- Promotes equality amongst all students.

Policy

- Wearing the regulation uniform is a condition of attendance at Marian Catholic School.
- Students must wear the correct uniform to and from school.
- Correct school uniform will be worn for all formal school functions.
- Summer uniform may be worn from the beginning of Term 4 but mandatory from Labour Weekend. It is optional to change after Easter. Winter uniform must be worn after Queen's Birthday until Labour Weekend. A regulation sunhat is to be worn in Terms 1 and 4 – no hat, no play
- Physical Education (PE) gear is to be worn for PE sessions at appropriate times.
- Girls may wear PE shorts under their uniform and in hot summer months remove their tunic during the school day. If leaving the classroom with the exception of recess, it is expected regulation school uniform is worn at all times.
- The only jewellery accepted is a wrist watch, medic alert bracelet, simple ear studs/sleepers (one in each ear), Jubilee Cross, and any religious/cultural items around the neck (if not visible).
- Hair must be naturally coloured, tidy, long hair tied back. Hair clips/ties/ribbons must be colour navy, black, maroon, white or school tartan.
- There are no scarves, beanies, nail polish, make up or additional accessories to that of the specified regulation school uniform.
- The Jacket is an optional extra to the regulation uniform and does not replace the polar fleece or the wool jersey. The Jackets are not to be worn in the classroom.

Regulation stockists are The Warehouse Hillcrest, NZ Uniforms (online and retail store), Marian Office and Shop – second hand uniforms options.

- It is recommended all uniform items are clearly named.
- It is expected the uniform will be worn with pride in an appropriate and presentable manner as determined by school management.
- Students not wearing the correct uniform require a note from home. Where there are financial or other difficulties, parents/caregivers should approach the Principal who may grant individual dispensation in cases of genuine need.
- Suitable older mufti clothing is required in the winter months if wishing to play on the fields – to protect the regulation uniform.
- A copy of the uniform policy is provided to parents at time of enrolment and is also available on the website anytime.

Girls' Uniform	Boys' Uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ready made regulation pinafore (pleated regulation skirts Year 7 and 8 only) • White short sleeve blouse for summer, long sleeve for winter (short sleeves option Year 7 and 8 winter) • Regulation Navy V neck jersey or polar fleece • Navy knee high cotton socks or navy woollen stockings • Black sandals for summer, black plain leather type school shoes for winter, able to be polished (Black sports shoes are not acceptable) • Navy regulation Cotton bucket soft brimmed styled sunhat • Optional soft shell navy regulation jacket for winter or summer. Not to be worn in classroom and does not replace the jersey or the polar fleece. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grey cotton shorts, winter and summer • Navy Monogrammed Polo Shirt Short Sleeve for summer, long sleeve for winter (short sleeves option Year 7 and 8 winter) • Regulation Navy V neck jersey or polar fleece • Navy knee high woollen socks for winter • Black sandals for summer, black plain leather type school shoes for winter, able to be polished (Black sports shoes are not acceptable) • Navy regulation Cotton bucket soft brimmed styled sunhat • Optional soft shell navy regulation jacket for winter or summer. Not to be worn in classroom and does not replace the jersey or the polar fleece.
<p>Boys and Girls: Hair is to be natural coloured, long hair to tie it back with black/white hair ties or Marian regulation hair accessories available from school office.</p>	
<p>Compulsory regulation PE Uniform - Unisex</p>	
<p>Monogrammed Maroon PE Top - available from the school office/shop Navy PE shorts - available from stockists Sports Shoes optional based on the activity Navy Cotton soft brimmed bucket styled sunhat, when required, compulsory in summer - available from stockists</p>	
<p>Optional School Jacket - Unisex</p>	
<p>Monogrammed Navy regulation Soft Shell Jacket and available through the school office/shop only from 2020</p>	