



St Finbarr's Uniform Policy and Guidelines

Rationale

School uniforms send a powerful message about the standards we expect. Good behaviour, good manners and high expectations of presentation go hand in hand. At St Finbarr's we expect high standards of each of these. 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 our uniform policy.

Values

St Finbarr's Uniform Policy will identify students as belonging to St Finbarr's School community. The policy gives expression to the following values, inherent in the creation of a school community of faith and life: belonging, equality and fellowship, dignity and respect, responsibility, and self-discipline.

Policy Statement

St Finbarr's Uniform Policy is compulsory. Children must always wear the correct uniform neatly and appropriately. The uniform must be clean and in good condition. It is expected that parents will support the uniform policy and ensure students arrive at school in full school uniform each day.

Authority

The St Finbarr's school community through consultation with the Parent Partnership Forum (PPF) has developed this uniform policy that we believe allows for students to engage in the many and varied school activities comfortably and safely.

Aims

- To provide durable clothing that is cost effective, UPF rated and practical for the school environment.
- To provide consistent expectations for dress and presentation for all students.
- To provide consistency of expectations between primary school and the high schools our students attend.

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Guidelines

- The uniform policy applies during school hours, when students are on excursions and/or when representing the school for functions and sport.
- The school will operate a second-hand uniform pool. Used uniforms in good condition may be donated back to the school for this purpose.

Summer uniform

- Navy and light blue polo shirt (embroidered with school logo)
- Navy shorts (boys)*
- Navy shorts or skorts (girls)*
- White or black socks – ankle length (no visible logos or colour) White socks only for formal occasions
- Black shoes (leather or canvas)
- School hat – Bucket hat (embroidered with school logo)

Winter uniform

- Navy and light blue school polo shirt (Embroidered with school logo)
- Navy track pants (boys and girls) *
- Navy tights/leggings under skorts (girls)
- Navy and light blue school jacket (embroidered with school logo)
- Navy polar fleece zip front vest (embroidered with school logo)
- White or black socks- white socks only for formal occasions
- Black shoes (leather or canvas)
- School hat - bucket hat (embroidered with school logo)

*Navy trackpants, shorts and skorts **must not contain any visible logo.**

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Shoes

Shoes must be black. They may be black leather, canvas or synthetic mesh fabric, but must have black soles and laces with no coloured branding or trims. Other suitable sports shoes may be used for athletics, cross country and 10–12-year-old sports days. These do not need to be black.

Jewellery

Jewellery is not permitted at school except for one set of stud earrings or sleepers worn in the lower ear lobe. Digital or analogue watches are permitted. It is recommended that expensive watches are not worn to school as they may be damaged or lost. Students are not to wear other jewellery such as rings, bracelets/bangles, necklaces.

Makeup, Nails and Hair

Makeup, nail polish and artificial nails are not to be worn at school. Fingernails are to be kept short and clean.

Hairstyles for both boys and girls should be neat and tidy and should not be of an extreme type that will draw attention to themselves. Hair is to be brushed or combed, kept tidy and off the face. Hair that touches or is below the collar must be always tied back with bands, clips and ribbons in school colours (navy or light blue).

Students, both boys and girls, are expected to have a uniform length haircut i.e., one in which the hair is a similar length over the head as opposed to irregular haircuts which are not permitted. Irregular haircuts include but are not limited to mohawks, mullets, shaved styles (no less than #2 clipper blade), spikes, rat's tails, topknots, or similar extreme styles. Undercuts, tracks, lines, shapes, or any other patterns cut into the hair is not permitted. Hair must be a natural colour.

Boys' hair is to be of an acceptable length – above the collar, ears, and eyes. If the hair is required to be swept back from the face, gelled, or tied back to be kept off the face, then it is too long and must be cut.

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Implementation and consequences:

By enrolling at St Finbarr's, parents are committed to supporting the policies and requirements of the school and as such are responsible for the presentation of their children in line with this policy.

The Uniform Policy will be published on the school website and provided to families at enrolment. Reminders of uniform requirements will be shared with the whole school on parade and assemblies and will be included in newsletters.

Breaches of the uniform policy will be followed up by the Principal, in consultation with the PPF, and the following process will be applied.

Level 1 (First instance)

An email will be sent to parents advising of the dress code and particulars of non-compliant clothing or presentation.

Level 2 (Second instance)

Parents will be contacted by email and invited to meet with the Principal to address the uniform concern and determine a date for this to be rectified. Consequences of further breaches will be discussed. The meeting will be followed up with a letter containing these details.

Level 3 (third instance)

Parents will be contacted by email and consequences will be followed through.

Consequences may include

1. Correct uniform items will be provided to the child and charged to the parent's school account.
2. Student is placed on lunch time detention until student attends school with correct uniform and/or presentation.
3. Extracurricular privileges may be withdrawn including interschool sport, excursions etc.

Students are encouraged to enjoy and express themselves during school holidays. The above expectations are in place for all students during term time. It is recommended that students change from their uniform after school.

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Parents seeking exemptions to the uniform due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, may apply in writing to the principal, who will consult with the PPF committee.

Families experiencing financial difficulty are welcome to contact the principal to discuss arrangements to meet the requirements of this policy.

School Shoe and Sock Uniform Policy

Not acceptable



Acceptable



Black socks Everyday only



White socks Every day and Formal occasions



**White or Black school sock above ankle length or
with turn over top
No ankle socks**

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