



Melbourne Archdiocese  
Catholic Schools



## Student Dress Code and Uniform Policy

|              | Summer<br>Term 1 & Term 4  | Winter<br>Term 2 & Term 3   | Sport  |
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| <b>Boys</b>  | <p>Grey Shorts or Grey Pants</p> <p>Plain short or long grey socks with shorts or pants</p> <p>Light blue polo shirt with St. Mary's emblem.</p> <p>Black leather shoes.</p> <p>St. Mary's navy bomber jacket.</p> <p>St. Mary's Emblem School hat or flap cap.</p>  | <p>Grey Slacks.</p> <p>Grey socks.</p> <p>Light blue polo shirt (long or short sleeved) with St. Mary's emblem.</p> <p>Black leather shoes.</p> <p>St. Mary's navy bomber jacket.</p>                             | <p>Lightweight sports polo shirt with logo</p> <p>Navy Blue Unisex long shorts or Navy tracksuit pants.</p> <p>Navy Skorts</p> <p>Navy bomber jacket.</p>  |
| <b>Girls</b> | <p>Blue &amp; white checked school dress</p> <p>Plain short or long white socks with dress</p> <p>Grey Shorts or Grey Pants</p> <p>Plain short or long grey socks with shorts or pants</p> <p>Light blue polo shirt with St. Mary's emblem.</p> <p>Black leather shoes.</p> <p>St. Mary's navy bomber jacket.</p> <p>St. Mary's Emblem School hat or flap cap.</p> | <p>Blue skirt or Grey Slacks</p> <p>Grey tights or grey socks.</p> <p>Light blue polo shirt (long or short sleeved) with St. Mary's emblem.</p> <p>Black leather shoes.</p> <p>St. Mary's navy bomber jacket.</p> | <p>Runners and sports socks (predominantly white).</p> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE: SPORTS UNIFORM AND RUNNERS ARE ONLY PERMITTED TO BE WORN ON THE APPROPRIATE SPORTS DAY AS STATED EACH TERM.</b></p> <p><b>THE ST MARY'S SCHOOL BAG AND LIBRARY BAG ARE ALSO COMPULSORY ITEMS</b></p> |

# Rationale

The spirit of the school is reflected in the behaviour and physical presentation of students and the relationships between all members of the school community and parish. The presentation of our students during school hours, whilst travelling to and from school and when on excursion is therefore paramount to the good reputation of the school.

We believe that a uniform dress code strengthens students' pride in their own appearance and engenders a strong sense of identity as an integral part of the school community. Issues of equality, health and safety and expense are equal considerations in the development of the St Mary's East Malvern Uniform Policy.

## Aims

- To outline the expected standards for school uniform dress code and supply arrangements to parents and students
- To provide guidelines for the expected dress code for casual days and school excursions
- To instil and maintain a sense of pride in students of the school
- To maintain and enhance the positive image of the school and its students throughout the wider community.

## Implementation and Adherence

The uniform consists of a prescribed full winter and summer uniform, and an on-campus sports uniform. Specific variations include Year 6 Polos and Bombers, Winter Coats and House Colours.

Sports uniforms can only be worn on class allocated Physical Education days or nominated sports participation days.

The summer uniform with sun hats must be worn in Terms 1 and 4. The winter uniform is to be worn in Terms 2 and 3.

With the exception of socks, shoes, house colour t-shirts, and other items as specified from time to time, all uniform items should be purchased from the Uniform Shop.

Students are required to wear the full uniform as outlined in this Policy each day. Staff will actively support the school uniform policy to ensure adherence. If a student is attired incorrectly, a note to parent(s)/guardian will be sent home with the student that day. If students are unable to correctly wear any aspects of the prescribed school uniform, an explanatory note is required.

Where casual dress days at school or on excursions or camps occur, students are required to maintain an acceptable dress standard. This translates as appropriate clothing that is not too revealing and does not carry offensive slogans. Thongs are not to be worn, as they are not suitable for activities or play and may pose a health and safety risk.

All students with shoulder length hair or longer must have it tied back with navy ribbon/scrunchie.

No make-up is to be worn at School. Should a student come to school with make-up on, they will be requested to remove the make-up.

No lycra/bike shorts are to be worn. The correct St Mary's sports uniform is to be worn. School uniforms must be worn at all times except on prescribed free dress days.

Art smocks are also required for all students and can be purchased through the Uniform Shop.

Running shoes must only be worn on P.E. and Sports days.

Changes to uniform policy will be undertaken via a consultative process and will be considerate of the rationale detailed above. Agreed changes will be clearly communicated to the parent body. A reasonable migration period will apply for any changes to the school uniform. The Policy has been prepared by the Parish Education Board and School Principal. The Policy is available to the school community via the School Office, [www.smmalverneast.catholic.edu.au](http://www.smmalverneast.catholic.edu.au) and during the School Enrolment process.

## Policy information table

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| <b>Responsible director</b>  | Principal  |
| <b>Policy owner</b>          | Principal  |
| <b>Approving Authority</b>   | Principal  |
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