



**ST BERNARD'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
UPPER MT GRAVATT**

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SCHOOL UNIFORM AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE POLICY

RATIONALE

St Bernard's Catholic School recognises that the wearing of the school uniform is an important part of creating a sense of community, as well as a sense of identity for students as part of the school community. The wearing of the school uniform contributes in a meaningful way to ensure that each student has pride in being a member of the St Bernard's Catholic School community.

POLICY

Guided by our Mission Statement, St Bernard's Catholic School encourages children to take pride in themselves and their school identity through the wearing of the approved school uniform. The school uniform endeavours to take into account the Queensland Government SunSmart requirements.

The St Bernard's Catholic School uniform will-

- reflect the heritage of our school.
- reflect the respect and dignity that students have in themselves, each other and the school community as a whole.
- provide equity for all and an identity which enhances the school spirit.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

St Bernard's Catholic School will -

- inform parents/carers of the Uniform and Personal appearance Policy
- seek ongoing support from parents/carers and the school community for the Uniform and Personal appearance Policy and its implementation, through newsletters, parent meetings, etc.;
- ensure that all students wear the correct uniform and comply with the school's SunSmart Policy in wearing the uniform;
- ensure the school uniform:
 - complies with SunSmart guidelines,
 - reflects contemporary styling while remaining modest,
 - reflects the demands of our climate,
 - is practical for multiple purposes;
- ensure that parents/carers are informed of days of the week that the day uniform and sports uniforms are to be worn;
- approve variations to the application of this policy where cultural, religious or other appropriate grounds are provided to the Principal for consideration and approval;
- inform students and parents/carers that participation in school events, excursions, carnivals, outings or activity is dependent upon the student complying with this policy.

OUR VISION

Learning is child-centred, where children are prepared as life-long learners to meet challenges as compassionate Christian members of our community.

OUR MISSION

- To develop and nurture an environment where children learn about themselves, their world and God:
- By working in partnership with families, staff and the parish community
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- ensure that students dress in the approved school uniform on the required days
- support the school's Uniform and Personal appearance Policy;
- ensure each student's uniform is clean, pressed and in good condition;
- instruct each child to wear the full and correct uniform between home and school at all times;
- clearly and permanently mark all clothing with the child's name;
- ensure that the sports uniform is worn only on designated sports days;
- remind children that the school hat is worn for all outdoor activities;
- ensure that jewellery is limited to - watches and studs/sleepers for pierced ears - one per ear. An inexpensive crucifix may be worn around the neck. These are safety and security issues;
- ensure that the child's hair is well-groomed. Colouring and streaking etc. of hair is not permitted. For girls, if hair is shoulder length, it is to be tied back using ties of the school colours. For boys, the hair is to be short, neat and of one length - no spiking, tracks, undercuts etc.
- ensure that approval is provided by the Principal or class teacher before allowing a student to wear any item that represents a variation to the approved day dress and sports day styles.

Students will -

- be aware of the school's Uniform and Personal appearance Policy;
- take shared responsibility for complying with the required uniform and personal appearance requirements set out above;
- act as positive role models for other students in all aspects of uniform wearing and personal appearance behaviour;
- wear the full and correct uniform between home and school at all times.

STANDARD OF UNIFORM

The uniforms are described as follows and are available as both new and second hand only through the School Uniform Shop.

DAY UNIFORM

Boy's Broad brimmed bottle green hat with school logo
St Bernard's Knitted Beanie an 'option for inside rooms in winter' (Hat must be worn when playing outside)
Check shirt
Bottle green shorts
White school socks with green band or
Black Leather school shoes, or Black leather joggers
Bottle green school track suit with white stripe

Girl's Broad brimmed bottle green hat with school logo
St Bernard's Knitted Beanie an 'option for inside rooms in winter' (Hat must be worn when playing outside)
Check blouse with Bottle green culottes or Check dress
White school socks with green band or Green or Flesh coloured tights for winter
Black Leather shoes, or Black leather joggers
Bottle green school track suit with white stripe

SPORTS UNIFORM:

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Broad brimmed bottle green hat with school logo
Polo shirt
Green school shorts with school logo
White socks or ankle socks
Black shoes
Bottle green school track suit with white stripe

ASSOCIATED SCHOOL DOCUMENTS

This policy is guided by the St Bernard's Catholic School -

- Mission Statement
- Student Code of Conduct
- SunSmart Policy

RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND CATHOLIC EDUCATION GUIDELINES

- Sun Smart Policy Guidelines

REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed as required:

- As new developments/research occurs
- Legislation updates occur
- Brisbane Catholic Education requirements/guidelines change.

By this process, St Bernard's Catholic School ensures the best possible practices for its students, school staff, parents and care-givers.

ENDORSEMENT

The St Bernard's Catholic School Board, in consultation with the school staff, Parents and Friends Association and the parish community endorses this policy.

This policy takes effect as of the date recorded below and is authorised by the Principal.

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