



St Vincent's School Uniform and Grooming Policy

The St Vincent's School uniform is a symbol of our school and helps our students to identify with the school and develop a sense of belonging within our school community. The school uniform is an equaliser for all of our students. Wearing the uniform correctly and being well groomed encourages a sense of pride in appearance and what the uniform represents, our school community. Through wearing the uniform correctly, students demonstrate a commitment towards our school community.

Enrolment Commitment

We at St Vincent's School are committed to upholding our Uniform and Grooming Policy.

All parents who enrol their child/ren at St Vincent's School agree to uphold our Uniform and Grooming Policy. As a Catholic School, there is a standard of dress to be maintained. This standard does not always agree with current or fashionable trends in the broader community or society in general. Parents who enrol their child/ren at St Vincent's School are responsible for ensuring their child/ren dress in a clean, well-fitting uniform with correct footwear and are groomed well.

Roles and Responsibilities

Students:

All students are responsible for wearing the St Vincent's School uniform correctly and with pride. Students are required to maintain an appropriate standard of grooming throughout the day. All students are required to wear their school hat throughout the year at recess and lunch and when participating in outdoor activities.

Parents/carers:

All parents/carers are responsible for upholding the Uniform and Grooming Policy. Parents/carers are also responsible for the upkeep of their child/ren's uniform and for the repair or replacement of items. Parents are advised to label all items of their child/ren's school uniform including the school hat, to avoid lost items.

Staff:

All staff members are responsible for maintaining the Uniform and Grooming Policy by monitoring the standard of dress and grooming. Staff members are to inform students of incorrect dress or grooming and are required to follow the procedure as outlined in the Uniform and Grooming Policy if this continues.

St Vincent's School Uniform

The school uniform consists of:

- Polo shirt with the school crest
- Green taslon school shorts
- Green hat with the school crest
- Green tracksuit jumper with the school crest
- Green tracksuit school pants
- Green school rain jacket (optional)
- Predominantly white sports shoes with white shoelaces
- White socks
- Plain brown sandals (may be worn during Summer months)
- St Vincent's School bag

It is compulsory for all students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 to dress in the St Vincent's School uniform. The school uniform is not compulsory in Kindy. Kindy students are encouraged to wear a Kindy t-shirt, which is provided by the parent and sent away for screen-printing. We encourage parents to dress their Kindy aged children in non-restrictive and comfortable clothing to allow them to fully engage and participate in the Kindy Program. Kindy students are to wear comfortable footwear which they are able to put on and off with minimal assistance (no thongs, slippers or ugg boots). Unless it is a dress up day, we prefer our Kindy students not to wear "dress ups" to school.

All students are required to wear their school hat throughout the year at recess and lunch and when participating in outdoor activities. We uphold a "No Hat - No Play" Policy during recess and lunch. If a student does not have their hat at school they are required to be in the allocated shaded location as directed by a staff member.

In the colder months, students are permitted to wear a plain bottle green beanie, scarf or gloves to school; however, these items are not to be worn inside the classrooms.

Grooming and Accessories

All students who have hair below the collar of their uniform are required to tie their hair up neatly. The student's hair is to be restrained with bottle green or yellow hair-ties. Students are able to wear school coloured clips, ribbons and headbands of an acceptable size. Hair accessories, which are not the school colours, are not acceptable. Students are not permitted to have coloured hair and students hair colour must be natural in appearance. "Fad" haircuts and hairstyles, for example, mohawks, zig-zag stripes, shaved patches, rats tails, excessive hair gel, etc. do not align with our School Policy.

Students are able to wear plain studs or sleepers of minimal size. Students who wear earrings must wear one in each earlobe. A religious cross/medal may be worn on a plain silver or gold necklace. Students are also able to wear a watch to school. Students are not able to wear nail polish to school.

Monitoring

If a student is not wearing the school uniform correctly or is not groomed to an acceptable standard, a staff member will speak to the student. If there is not a change to the uniform or grooming after this reminder, the parent/carer will be spoken to or the student will receive a uniform infringement notice. This notice is to be signed by the parent/carer and returned to the classroom teacher. If the uniform or grooming infringement is repeated without a given reason, the parent/carer will be asked to see the Principal.

Review

This Policy will be reviewed biennially or earlier should a reasonable need arise.

School Uniform Shop

A school employee who is assisted by volunteer helpers manages the School Uniform Shop. The Uniform Shop is located adjacent to the Canteen and is open on Monday mornings from 8:35 - 9am and Wednesday afternoons from 2:30 - 3:15pm. Price lists and order forms are available from the School Administration. Orders may also be given to the school administration staff and items can be available for collection at the Uniform Shop or at Administration.

Uniform History

At the commencement of the year 2000, a new school uniform was adopted after lengthy discussions involving the Uniform Committee, School Board, P&F, the school staff and students. It was decided to introduce a more practical uniform that both girls and boys could wear and that would greatly decrease the number of items to be purchased and worn.

Review History

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