ST ALBERT’S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY

Philosophy and Rationale

St Albert’s Catholic School has a clearly defined School Uniform Policy to which all students are expected to adhere. The school community has determined the school uniform policy, therefore it is a requirement that all students attending St Albert’s wear the prescribed uniform correctly during school hours and travelling to and from school.

We believe uniform is important as it:

- Identifies St Albert’s Catholic School in the community.
- is a symbol of equality among students.
- demonstrates a sense of pride in belonging to this school
- recognises and reflects our Dominican tradition

Supporting Structures

Our Personal Responsibility Policy would see the failure to wear the correct uniform not as an offence, but rather as a decision which has a logical consequence.

The School Uniform Policy supporting documents outline guidelines for the correct wearing of the school uniform.

Implementation

- All staff members will be given a copy of this policy.
- All Parents/Caregivers or volunteers who have direct supervision of children will be made aware of this policy.
- All Parents/Caregivers and community members will be informed of this policy via the newsletter.

Supporting documents

- Sun Protection policy
- Personal responsibility policy
- Appendix A: School uniform guidelines
- Appendix B: Uniform list
- Appendix C: Uniform order form

Signed:

Chairperson School Board: Sean Drake   .........................

Principal: Jason Mittiga   .........................

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Appendix A: School Uniform Guidelines

All School Uniform items are to be purchased through the School Uniform Shop. Opening times are published in the school newsletter.

No garments other than those stated on the uniform list are to be visible. This includes coloured T-Shirts or singlets which are visible through shirts, boxer shorts under dresses/above trousers, and socks/leggings beneath or over tights.

Students are to wear the correct uniform for Physical Education on their classes designated sports day, or as per instructed by the class or sports teacher.

When the full uniform cannot be worn, it is expected that parents notify the Class Teacher in writing via the Student Diary. Reasonable time will be given to obtain the necessary uniform items.

Hats
The School hat is to be worn at recess, lunch and for all outdoor activities throughout the year. Hats are compulsory for all PE activities.

St. Albert’s Catholic School is a Sun Smart school and in accordance with the Sun Smart policy, hats are to be worn outside the classrooms during spring, summer and autumn. We have a ‘No Hat, No Play’ policy during that time.

During winter (June, July, August) children do not wear hats. Vitamin D is extremely important in these months as stated in the Sun smart policy.

Jewellery
The only jewellery permitted is:
- Wrist watch
- Earrings which are small sleepers or studs (one only in the ear lobe)
- One chain with Religious symbol, to be worn under clothing.
- NO OTHER JEWELLERY ALLOWED

Hair and Grooming
Students are expected to show pride in themselves and their school by paying attention to their personal appearance. Clothing is to be clean and in a good state of repair. Make-up and nail polish are not permitted.

Shoulder length hair or longer is to be tied back. Hair is to be tidy and away from the face. Any change in hair colour should be natural toning only. Highlights are permitted but should not be excessive.

Unusual hairstyles, as determined by the school, that are not in keeping with the wearing of school uniform are unacceptable.

Accessories must be discreet, small and plain school colours (Navy blue or Black – School Uniform / Red – Sports Uniform).

Year 7 Jumper
Senior students at St Albert’s are able to negotiate the design for a special style of jumper. This Jumper is Navy in colour and agreed upon by Principal. Design must be in school colours.
Change Over
There shall be a two week period at the commencement of Term 2 and 4 to facilitate the change over from summer to winter uniform and vice versa.