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Uniform Policy

Preamble:

After consultation with parents and the student leadership group, a decision was made regarding the uniform for both boys and girls who attend St Michael's. This decision was made allowing for students to safely engage in the many and varied school activities, and caters for the financial constraints of families.

Policy

At St Michael's, we believe that a uniform dress code reinforces in students a pride in their own appearance, instills 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 the uniform policy. Through the implementation of the Uniform Policy, it is hoped to maintain and enhance the positive image of the school in the community.

Values

Community, Love/Care, Dignity, Respect, Justice

Procedures

1. The dress code applies during school hours, while traveling to and from school, and when students are on school excursions, as students are representing the school within the community.
2. Formal uniforms, as well as sports uniforms will be prescribed, and are required to be worn.
3. One pair of sleepers or stud earrings, in ears only, may be worn. Chains with a religious medal or cross are permitted. Watches are allowed to be worn. No other forms of 'necklace' or jewellery are to be worn.
4. Extreme hair colours (eg green, pink or purple rinses) and/or extreme hairstyles (eg spikes or Mohawks) are not permitted. Long/shoulder length hair must be tied back or plaited. This applies to males or females, as it discourages head lice and is recommended practice by Peninsula Health.
5. Other than clear nail polish, cosmetics may not be worn at school
6. The only hat that is acceptable is the school hat, which is consistent with our Sunsmart policy. Hats must be worn at all times in outdoor areas.
7. The school operates a second-hand clothing pool for good quality second-hand uniforms.
8. The student dress code is outlined in the enrolment documents along with the places of purchase.
9. Parents seeking exemptions to the Dress Code/Uniform Policy due to religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural background, student disability, health condition or economic hardship must apply in writing to the school principal.
10. Uniform Change
 - a. A minimum of 5 years between processes for uniform change.

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- b. 50% of the number of enrolled families must be achieved for the proposed uniform change to occur. Staff are able to vote but are not counted as part of the required figure.
- c. A 2 year change over period will be given for parents to purchase the new uniform.